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# E-2C investors apply for other status

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With only three months to go before they will be ordered to exit the CNMI, foreign investors with a transitional E-2C status and visa have started applying for other immigrant or nonimmigrant status under U.S. immigration law.

As of this week, the U.S. Congress has yet to send President Barack Obama a bill that would extend beyond Dec. 31, 2014, not only the E-2C program but also the CNMI and Guam's exemption from the H-1B and H-2B caps and the Com-

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## GIAA: Commuter terminal was closed for safety reasons

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The Guam International Airport Authority has responded to some of Star Marianas' concerns over United Airlines' use of GIAA's commuter terminal for non-aeronautical purposes.

Star Marianas earlier took issue with United's use of the terminal as their human resource department, saying GIAA was violating federal grant assurances by doing so.

Star Marianas has been trying for about two

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Commonwealth Election Commission election clerk Franklin B. Camacho carries a box of absentee ballots that will be mailed out starting today. The Office of the Public Auditor has verified over 1,400 of these requested absentee ballots that are expected to reach absentee voters in seven to 10 days.

## Over 1.4K absentee ballots sent out today

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The Office of the Public Auditor has so far verified over 1,400 requested absentee ballots that the Commonwealth Election Commission will be sending out starting today. As of this week, the number of requested absentee ballots has reached 1,451.

This means those who asked for absentee ballots should receive those ballots starting next week.

"It would take a week, or from seven to 10 days for the ballots to reach them," Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

OPA auditor Wilma Atalig spent hours at the election commission office in Susupe yesterday for the absentee ballot verification.

The over 1,400 requested absentee ballots were lower than the 1,800 requested in previous general elections. But this year, the number of registered voters is breaking records at nearly 18,000 as of this week.

"The lower absentee ballots could mean a lot of things," Guerrero said.

These include, for example, having fewer CNMI residents wanting to participate in the elections or more residents are now in the CNMI so there's no need for them to ask for

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American Red Cross CNMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, center, is joined by other Red Cross officials in receiving a donation of $5,000 from McDonald's owner/general manager Marcia E. Ayuyu, manager Joe Ayuyu Jr., and McDonald's crew Rowena Ulu.

# Doctor sues for alleged unlawful termination of hospital privileges

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Dr. Gary Ramsey, a former medical staff at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., has filed a lawsuit in federal court over the alleged wrongful termination of his medical privilege at CHCC.

Ramsey is suing CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña, CHCC OB/GYN department chair Dr. Jeanolivia Grant, CHCC Medical Affairs director Dr. Sherleen Osman, former Department of Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, CHCC, the CNMI government, and 10 unnamed others.

Ramsey, through counsel Stephen Woodruff, is suing them for unlawful deprivation of property without due process of law, unlawful deprivation of liberty and property without due process of law, breach of contract, tortious interference with contract, violation of U.S. and CNMI constitutions, and breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

Ramsey is demanding unspecified damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

According to Woodruff, the doctor is entitled to an injunction prohibiting defendants from refusing to recognize his valid hospital privileges at CHCC.

Ramsey is a physician and surgeon specializing in obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health. He first came to work on Saipan in April of 1999. He worked at the Commonwealth Health Center from 1999 to July of 2007. He then worked for the Department of Public Health for two and a half years as medical director of the Wise Women Village project, a federal grant program, until September 2010.

In November 2009, Ramsey applied for hospital privileges at CHC. After a month, all the required signatures for approval of his privileges had been affixed to the application.

Woodruff said that Villagomez did not refer the approved privileges back to the Medical Executive Committee and refused to issue a letter to Ramsey confirming his privileges at CHC.

He said Ramsey's privileges were not finally recognized until two years later when confirmed by the then CEO, Juan N. Babauta. It took eight more months for Ramsay to actually get a job using the wrongfully delayed privileges, Woodruff said.

Ramsey's privileges were reportedly valid until Jan. 1, 2014, yet a second incident of illegal and wrongful deprivation of privileges occurred in 2013, Woodruff said.

On Oct. 4, 2013, Woodruff said, Ramsey was notified that

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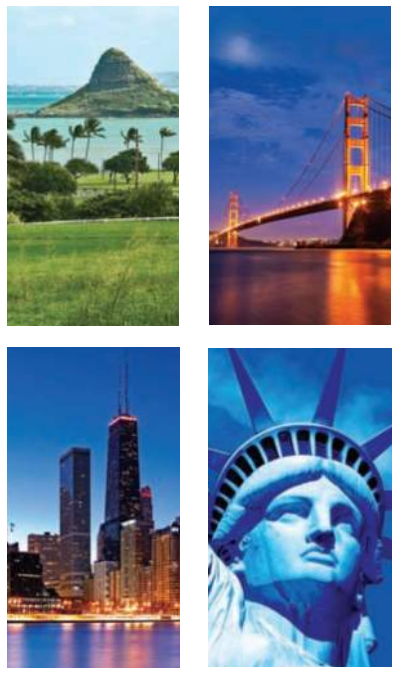

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# NMC population number 'historic'

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According to the Northern Marianas College, its enrollment number of 1,260 full-time students this semester is one of its highest enrollment numbers in its history.

"There is no mistaking that the college continues to play a central role in educating and training thousands of individuals each year, and this has been accomplished through our academic programs and other community programs that focus on training and development," NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart said in a statement.

Most of this semester's students are pursuing associate degree in liberal arts, with 408 enrolled.

A total of 270 are enrolled in NMC's bachelor's of science program in education with emphasis on early childhood, elementary education, special education, and rehabilitation and human services.

Some 120 students are enrolled in the associate degree in applied science in nursing/pre-nursing program, while 101 are pursuing associate degree in criminal justice.

For its new bachelor's program in business management, NMC has 41, with 36 enrolled in it related associate program.

A total of 81 students are enrolled in the associate degree business program, 30 students are in accounting, and 41 are in hospitality management.

NMC's natural resource management program has 35 enrolled, while 31 are enrolled for computer applications and 21 in its English Language Institute.

Some 40 students remain undeclared.

Hart said that while it is important to look at the number of students served under NMC's credit programs, it is equally important to look at the numbers served in the college's noncredit programs like the Community Development Institute and the Adult Basic Education Program.

The college has served thousands of individuals in these programs, according to her.

Full-time equivalency is calculated by taking the total number credits a student has registered for and dividing that figure by 12 (minimum number needed to be a full-time student).

# MVA: Budget cut will negatively impact marketing

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Marianas Visitors Authority, the sole tourism promoter for the CNMI, is looking at cutting down on its marketing due to a drop in its fiscal year 2015 budget.

According to MVA managing director Perry Tenorio, the tourism agency's proposed budget for fiscal year 2015 was $2.6 million, but the approved budget reallocated $1.16 million to the Public School System's budget.

**» Programs affected are offshore offices, local resources for promotions**

MVA had already developed a plan on how to spend its original fiscal year 2015 budget. The board, however, was put on notice that the Legislature has reduced MVA's budget, leaving the agency fully dependent on the revenue from the hotel occupancy tax.

MVA board members, executives, and stakeholders present at the Sept. 23 public hearing mulled reducing the agency's expenditure plan for fiscal year 2015 from $13.881 million down to $12.720 million.

"Our board had to reduce the expenditure plan. Leading up to the board meeting we had developed another expenditure plan on how to spend the funds we have and initially we were a little bit conservative," Tenorio said.

He said they understand the value of PSS and they also understand that other government agencies would prefer to see an increase in their operating budgets.

Tenorio said the impact of the cut will be on the promotional efforts.

"We are hoping that we can maintain the level of tourism we have from prior years. So that our projected revenue is relatively on target but if it is cut then it will hinder the projected revenue for fiscal year 2015," he said.

MVA is now predominantly funded by Public Law 18-1, the hotel occupancy tax, for 2015. P.L. 18-1 came into law in April 2013. For fiscal year 2013, half of P.L. 18-1 was implemented. Tenorio said that fiscal year 2014 was the first year ever that MVA fully benefited from the hotel occupancy tax.

Another funding source is through a share of the container tax, which is about $150,000 annually.

### 'Cut on marketing efforts'

Tenorio said they might cut the offshore budget and that they have already informed their offshore offices about the recent reduction in budget.

With the recent decline in the Japan market and a likely drastic drop in the Russian market, marketing efforts are greatly needed.

About 20 percent of MVA's budget goes to personnel and promotional efforts, while 80 percent goes to marketing. Tenorio said that 80 percent of the marketing will be impacted by the reduced budget because there is no way "to trim anywhere else."

House Tourism Committee chair Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) earlier said that MVA didn't mind the budget cut. Tenorio, however, said it is not that they didn't mind the cut; they understood why it was needed.

"The tourism industry is the sole generating entity in the CNMI and marketing efforts is the main responsibility of MVA, to promote the CNMI product," he said.

# Case vs Pretty Tour burglary suspect dismissed

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A month before the scheduled jury trial, the Office of the Attorney General yesterday moved to dismiss the charges against one of two suspects in the burglary at Pretty Tour in Garapan.

At a scheduled pre-trial hearing, Chief Prosecutor Brian Flaherty asked the court to dismiss without prejudice the case against Roland Hernandez Muña as the government is further investigating the case.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted the government's motion and cancelled Muna's trial, set for Oct. 20.

Muña, 25, an ex-convict, was seen laughing and smiling as he walked out of the courtroom.

Muña allegedly burglarized Pretty Tour Car Rental in Garapan and stole an FJ Cruiser, a 31-inch flat screen television, cellphone, MiFi, Italy sunglasses, and several keys for car rentals and apartment rentals with an estimated total value at $36,000, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

Aside from one count of burglary and one count of theft, the OAG also charged Muña with a count of resisting arrest.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, who is counsel for Muña, disclosed in his motion for severance of counts that in the first attempt to apprehend Muña, police officers used mace against him but ended up macing each other. Meyer said Muña allegedly fled.

On July 6, officers again attempted to arrest Muña, which led to a high-speed chase ending in the suspect allegedly crashing his car into a chicken coop and running into the jungle.

Meyer said police finally succeeded in arresting Muña on July 10.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan disclosed in her report that John Deleon Guerrero, who was arrested on July 1, admitted that he was with Muña when the latter burglarized Pretty Tour Car Rental office on the evening of June 30, 2014.

Pangelinan said surveillance cameras at two establishments corroborated Deleon Guerrero's statements.

Deleon Guerrero has yet to be taken to court as police further investigates the case.

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# $130M hotel to break ground in San Antonio Saturday

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Hong Kong-based Honest Profit International Ltd. will break ground on its $130-million, 300-room hotel in San Antonio on Saturday, more than two months after signing a lease agreement with the Department of Public Lands.

Honest Profit will use the name "Saipan Resort Hotel" for its planned luxury hotel on 40,087 square meters of public lands.

Saipan Resort Hotel is located just north of Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

Honest Profit has invited the governor, lawmakers, and other dignitaries to the groundbreaking on Saturday at 11am.

This comes two months after Honest Profit president Sam Chan paid DPL a $100,000 security deposit, a new requirement that DPL imposes among investors eyeing major developments such as hotels and golf courses.

Chan earlier said they are building a 5-star hotel, which goes beyond the minimum 200-room requirement of DPL's request for proposal for the San Antonio property.

The lease is for 25 years, with an option to extend by 15 years for a total of 40 years.

DPL is set to sign today a lease agreement with a Macau investor planning to invest $300 million in a casino resort on Tinian.

The Legislature, which held a public hearing on Tinian last night on the proposed lease, still has the final word whether to approve or reject the deal between DPL and Alter City Group Inc.

The planned casino resort on Tinian will sit on a 152-hectare land. Any proposed lease of more than 5 hectares of public lands requires the Legislature's approval.

# Tropical disturbance still moving north

The tropical disturbance that was centered east of Saipan on Tuesday continues to move toward the north. The system remains poorly organized and is centered near 18N and 149E, which is about 300 miles north east of Saipan. The monsoon surge on the south side of the circulation covers a very large area that spans northeastward from Koror and Yap, to include the Mariana Islands.

Computer models indicate this system will gradually become better organized and continue moving northward. The monsoon surge will lift northward in tandem with the tropical disturbance and continue to affect the weather locally until this system moves farther away. As a result monsoonal rain bands accompanied by gusty northwest to southwest winds can be expected for Guam and the CNMI during the next couple of days. The potential for locally heavy rainfall continues. Additional rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches are possible through Thursday night. Rainfall amounts will vary depending on the exact track and future development of the disturbance.

This remains a steadily evolving weather pattern that will need to be monitored closely, so please stay informed on this developing situation. Keep abreast of the latest forecasts and listen for any further statements or warnings from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office. ***(PR)***

## E-2C

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monwealth's exemption from accepting asylum applicants.

"I've applied for a CW status and it's now being processed," an E-2C visa holder told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "The E-2C and CW application processes are almost the same."

Many of those with E-2C investor status and visa own and operate small hotels, laundry facilities, automotive shops, car rentals, grocery stores, and a host of other small businesses in the CNMI.

They are investors who, along with their spouses and children, were allowed to remain in the CNMI under E-2C status even with a minimum investment of $50,000, instead of $150,000—but that would only be allowed until the end of this year.

Another E-2C visa holder said yesterday she will be discussing her immigration status with her lawyer, to check whether she qualifies for an EB-5 visa or a CW status, among other things.

"If I qualify, then I will apply for a CW status for now. There's nothing we can do, right? So we have to convert to another status. But I think I should be okay for now," the businesswoman said.

If and when a bill is passed and signed into law extending the E-2C program, then she plans to again apply for an E-2C visa.

Other E-2C visa holders have opened businesses in nearby Guam, while some still hope Congress will pass a bill to extend the E-2C program by five years, up to Dec. 31, 2019.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issued an advisory yesterday reminding the public that the E-2C immigration category will expire on Dec. 31, 2014.

It said unless Congress takes legislative action to extend it, the E-2 CNMI investor status and visa will expire on the last day of 2014.

"Therefore, individuals in the CNMI with E-2 CNMI status must depart the CNMI after Dec. 31, 2014, or qualify for and obtain another nonimmigrant or immigrant status in order to lawfully remain in the CNMI. Otherwise, such investors will begin to accrue unlawful presence on Jan. 1, 2015," USCIS said in a media advisory.

On Thursday last week, the U.S. Senate added three CNMI immigration policies to an insular areas energy bill, then passed the combined bill and sent it back to the U.S. House of Representatives.

These immigration policies include extending beyond Dec. 31, 2014, the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applicants, extending the islands' E-2C investor visa, and extending the numerical cap on H visas for Guam and the CNMI.

There is no telling when the U.S. House will act on the Senate-amended bill, with the U.S. House in recess for district work this week.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said these CNMI immigration policies and the insular energy provisions of H.R. 83 are also parts of his omnibus territories bill or H.R. 2200, and its Senate companion, S.1237. They are also included in Sablan's H.R. 4296.

An E-2C visa holder said yesterday she would like the program to be extended for another five years. Yet she's not taking any chances.

"I don't want to be out of status, even for a day," she said.

USCIS said the U.S. government's administrative agencies do not have the authority to extend the E-2C program without legislative action from Congress.

It pointed out that the U.S. Labor secretary's extension of the CNMI-only transitional worker or CW program in June 2014 did "not" apply to the E-2C program.

"All individuals' E-2C status (whether principal investors, or E-2C spouses and children) will terminate on Dec. 31, 2014. E-2C visas will not be valid for admission into the CNMI on or after Jan. 1, 2014," USCIS said.

To remain lawfully in the CNMI after 2014, all individuals with E-2C nonimmigrant status must obtain another lawful immigrant or nonimmigrant status under U.S. immigration law "no later than" Dec. 31, 2014.

"Depending upon their particular circumstances, E-2C individuals may wish to consider other family-based or employment-based categories. These include, but are not limited to, E-2 treaty investor (the status through which certain foreign investors may seek entry into the United States, in contrast to the temporary E-2C program limited to investors from the CNMI), and the CW program," USCIS said.

E-2C non-immigrants are also not eligible for parole in the CNMI, USCIS said.

USCIS pointed out that anyone who has had a non-immigrant status is not eligible to apply for or receive parole in the CNMI, regardless whether or not the nonimmigrant status has expired.

For more information about E-2 treaty investors and CW status, visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov.

### H visa cap

In a separate statement yesterday, USCIS reminded employers that the H-1B and H-2B cap exemptions for the CNMI and Guam would end on Dec. 31, 2014.

The Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, which federalized CNMI immigration, included a provision that exempted H-1B and H-2B nonimmigrant workers performing labor or services in the CNMI and Guam from the congressionally-mandated annual numerical limitations from Nov. 28, 2009, to Dec. 31, 2014.

During this period, a nonimmigrant worker may have been granted H-1B or H-2B status but was not counted toward the cap.

"All requests for H-1B or H-2B work to be performed in Guam or the CNMI on or after Jan. 1, 2015, will be subject to the annual H-1B or H-2B cap unless otherwise exempt," USCIS said.

The federal agency said there are ways to still qualify under the H cap exemption for the CNMI and Guam.

It said any petition for a new or extended H-1B or H-2B nonimmigrant worker must be filed by Dec. 31, 2014, and as explained in the filing instructions for Form I-129 Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.

With limited exceptions, a petition requesting an extension of the beneficiary's status must be filed prior to the expiration of the beneficiary's currently approved status.

USCIS also said employers do not need to wait until the validity of the original petition and the beneficiary's status are about to expire to file an extension.

It said the employment start date of the worker's labor or services must be on or before Dec. 31, 2014.

For H-1B visas, Congress has set a regular annual cap of 65,000 available per fiscal year, from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

USCIS will begin accepting H-1B petitions that are subject to the fiscal 2016 cap on April 1, 2015.

If a Form I-129 petition for the H-1B classification is accepted and approved, then the earliest the H-1B worker may begin to work in Guam or the CNMI would be Oct. 1, 2015.

Meanwhile, the H-2B cap set by Congress is 66,000 visas per fiscal year, with 33,000 to be allocated for employment beginning in the first half of the fiscal year, from Oct. 1 to March 31.

The remaining 33,000, together with any unused numbers from the first half of the fiscal year, will be allocated for employment beginning in the second half of the fiscal year (April 1 to Sept. 30).

USCIS will begin accepting H-1B petitions that are subject to the fiscal 2016 cap on April 1, 2015.

At present, CNMI employers are also experiencing rejections of H visa applications over a lack of a valid prevailing wage survey.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce plans to update its 2011 prevailing wage survey after the latest round of 50-cent minimum wage hike takes effect Sept. 30. The CNMI Department of Commerce also just recently received a federal grant that will fund a new prevailing wage survey.

## GIAA

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years to provide flights from the CNMI to Guam, and has found GIAA's offer to let Star Marianas use it's "yellow cargo building" to be unsatisfactory.

However, the commuter terminal in question has been closed for 10 years, according to Charles H. Ada II, executive manager of GIAA.

In a Sept. 22 letter to Star Marianas, Ada cited "security reasons" why both the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency closed the terminal.

United's current lease of the terminal was made since the space was available and the airline needed it to support their operation, according to Ada.

He also explained why the terminal has not returned to commuter operations since then.

"No aircraft could be parked on its adjoining apron since safety clearances could not be met after we constructed the parallel taxiway or Taxiway Kilo," Ada said.

He did not elaborate further on the security reasons in the letter, but noted that Star Marianas and GIAA have discussed the matter "thoroughly" in a meeting on Aug. 19.

"I was quite surprised and disappointed you raised the commuter terminal again in your letter," he wrote.

On the "YCB" facility that GIAA is proposing for Star Marianas' use, Ada said the "YCB" title is just an identifier and that the facility is actually a multi-purpose building.

Star Marianas, in its previous letter to GIAA, noted that the use of a cargo building would place their airline at "a distinct and obvious disadvantage" compared to United/Cape Air.

"[Star Marianas'] customers are relegated to using a facility designed for cargo," the letter read.

Ada, in his recent letter, said GIAA recognizes the need for a permanent commuter terminal facility, and that an "Interisland Passenger Facility" project was established in 2013, with a projected 18 months for planning, design, and construction.

As reported earlier, Star Marianas believes that GIAA, under criteria of FAA order 5190.6B, which differentiates between aeronautical and non-aeronautical property, is in violation of FAA Grant Assurance 29.

Other violations were cited in previous letters to GIAA, with a couple being Grant Assurance 22 that requires an airport to be made available for public use "without unjust discrimination to all types of…aeronautical activities" and Grant 23, which essentially requires that no "exclusive rights" would be given indirectly or directly to any corporation in the use of the airport.

Ada apologized for his "delayed response" to Star Marianas' Sept. 2 letter, as according to him, the email went to his spam folder.

## ABSENTEE

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absentee ballots.

Meanwhile, Guerrero said the election commission now has the 22,000 general election ballots, along with the ballots for the special election. Both will be held on Nov. 4.

The CNMI is also headed for a third election in November. If none of the four gubernatorial teams garner at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast, then there will be a gubernatorial runoff race.

## DOCTOR

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he was no longer considered to have hospital privileges and that he was no longer allowed in the medical records department.

"This show of force occurred in the medical records department, causing embarrassment to plaintiff," the lawyer said.

In an email to plaintiff later that same afternoon, Muña confirmed the suspension of privileges. Woodruff said there was no legal authority or legitimate purpose in Muña's action to withdraw Ramsay's hospital privileges or to send four hospital staffers to force him off the hospital's premises.

Woodruff said that emails Ramsay sent to the medical chief of staff and to the vice chief of staff as well as a memorandum to the Medical Executive Committee asking about the suspension of his privileges never received a response.

Toward the end of October 2013, Ramsay began the process to renew of his hospital privileges but as of January 2014, his application was still being improperly held up, Woodruff said.

He said Ramsey provided notice of this to the attorney general in February 2014.

"The AG made no response to plaintiff, either in person or through counsel, to the notice of claim," Woodruff said.

# ‘Detectives should investigate, not rehash other cops’ reports’

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Department of Public Safety detectives are not mere chroniclers who simply rehash other people’s reports, said Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho in throwing out a domestic violence case.

At a preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon in the case against Raiton Datius, Camacho found no probable cause to believe that that crime of assault and battery has been committed.

Camacho dismissed the case without prejudice against the 46-year-old Datius. That means the government can refile the case in the future.

Camacho ordered Datius’ immediate release.

Police alleged that after beating up his girlfriend and knocking her out, Datius poured water on her head to wake her up. The alleged victim, who had swollen eyes and scratches on her face, managed to run to the San Antonio Church, where she asked a priest for help.

In his written order, Camacho said that assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Datius, is an experienced trial attorney and his skillful cross-examination dismantled the government’s case at the preliminary hearing.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Camacho said for the second time in a week, a defense counsel highlighted the fatal gaps in the government’s case, resulting in the dismissal of the sole charge of assault and battery.

Camacho said probable cause requires more than mere suspicion that a suspect committed a crime, but not as much information required at trial to prove a suspect to be guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

The judge pointed out that police detective Norman Skilling testified that he has not talked to the victim, the witness, the suspect, nor even visited the crime scene.

Camacho said the gist of Skilling’s investigation was to summarize the police officer’s report that responded to the 911 call.

“There is a reason that DPS detectives are called investigators because they must investigate, meaning they must gather evidence to prove (or disprove) a crime has been committed and who committed the crime,” he said.

Based on the declaration of probable cause and Skilling’s in-court testimony, Datius and the alleged victim appear to have been drinking, went to the store to get more beer, and a disagreement erupted about beer and money.

The girlfriend claimed that Datius slapped her face causing scratches and slight swelling. She also alleged that Datius grabbed her and threw her into the jungle. She claimed that she then lost consciousness.

Skilling testified that the girlfriend is bigger than Datius. He said Datius is a small, skinny man who lacks the physical strength to lift and throw a large, heavy woman.

Camacho said Skilling failed to testify what injury would have caused the girlfriend to lose consciousness—as the scratch and slight swelling on her cheek are not consistent with the kind of blunt force trauma necessary to inflict unconsciousness.

Camacho said it appears more likely that she was drunk, lost consciousness, and fell on her face, causing the scratches and slight swelling. He said more information is needed to determine if probable cause exist that a crime was committed.

Skilling stated in his report that a police officer responded to the San Antonio Church on Sept. 14 at 10:54pm to meet a priest for a disturbance complaint.

Skilling said the officer met with the priest and the victim, whose short pants was torn and had dirt and grass debris all over her.

Medics transported the victim to the hospital.

# CNMI might see restoration of the Christmas light sculptures

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REPORTER

Lighted sculptures of drawings made by children made into larger-than-life Christmas light décor erected after Thanksgiving might be lighted up once again along Beach Road.

The Marianas Visitors Authority board discussed at a recent meeting several projects for destination enhancement and one that came up was the Christmas light sculptures that were initially lit on Saipan’s main thoroughfare in 2001. The practice was stopped after 2008 due to funding issues.

MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce brought up the Christmas lights and asked what the current state of the lighted sculptures are.

According to MVA board member Jerry Tan, the light sculptures were made possible by the business community and private individuals who contributed for the fabrication of the sculptures.

The lighted sculpture was once under the Illumination Project, an outgrowth of the “Millennium Project” that was a part of MVA’s 1999 “Visit the Marianas Campaign.”

The whole purpose of the Millennium Project was to encourage repeat visitors through islandwide beautification and to instill in the community the importance of the tourism industry.

MVA board members said they would discuss the matter at their next meeting.

Meanwhile, Pierce also pushed MVA to light up the airport with Christmas decorations and the Garapan tourist district as part of destination enhancement efforts of the tourism agency.

“This will give off a good holiday spirit. It is also attracting to the visitors coming in and leaving.”

**BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION**

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 9a.m. on September 26, 2014 at the CDA Conference Room, CDA Building, Beach Road, Oleai, to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Ms. Rose Ada-Hocog, who serves as the Commission’s administrative assistant at 670-989-1199.

### AGENDA

1. **Administrative Matters:**
   a. Call to order; approval of agenda and; determination of quorum
   b. Approval of minutes of the September 4, 2014 business meeting
   c. FY 15 administrative assessments
2. **Docket 09-3: Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation**
   Annual certification for federal universal service support – MTC and PTI
3. **Docket 13-01: CUC Electric Division**
   a. Commercial IR [incentive rate] contract
   b. Status reports:
      i. September 4, 2014 Tank 102 Procurement Order collateral issues
      ii. July 24, 2014 Administrative Order – regulatory expenses
4. **Public Comments**

# CNMI Bar starts evaluating Manglona, Naraja, Govendo

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REPORTER

The CNMI Bar Association sent out yesterday to its active members the form for the performance evaluation of CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who are all seeking retention on the bench this November election.

Bar Association administrative director Suzanne Steffy told *Saipan Tribune* that she's sending the evaluation form, via email, to the Bar's 195 active members.

Steffy said members are given a month, or until Oct. 20, to give back the evaluation form.

She said they may announce the results during the Bar Association's regular meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan on Oct. 23.

Steffy disclosed that for this year, they are using a similar evaluation form they used in 2007.

During the 2007 Bar evaluation, Justice Manglona and then-Superior Court associate judge and now U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona were the first to obtain an impressive "good" rating among the magistrates who were evaluated by the Bar Association.

"Good" means the magistrates often exceed minimum standards of performance.

Both Naraja and Govendo got the upper end of "acceptable" rating during that same evaluation.

In the November election, voters overwhelmingly voted for the retention of the Manglonas, Naraja, and Govendo. Manglona's term that expired in 2008 was extended eight more years, while Naraja and Govendo, whose terms as judges expired in 2009, got an additional six years.

Manglona, Naraja, and Govendo are seeking a third term as associate justice, presiding judge, and associate judge, respectively.

# Young voices gather at Close-Up Summit

The 2014 Close-Up Youth Summit, running from Sept. 24 to 26, began yesterday with about 60 students divided into committees to tackle issues prevalent in the CNMI.

Maria Theresa Dizon said her committee on environment, energy, and natural resources decided to focus on the impacts of military testing in the CNMI, listing down the introduction of the brown tree snake and rhino beetle, as well as chemical harm to people and the environment as examples.

"It's already a problem down [in] Guam. If there is an outbreak it could go up to islands north," Alvin Arcega said of the possible introduction of invasive species.

Josaiah Trinidad, chairman of the education and schools committee, said their main focus is on teachers in public schools and the quality of education they're providing.

"It's hard to get funding, but it's essential. We feel they are wasting it on unnecessary things like laptops," said one committee member on improving public school classrooms.

Aurora David, chairwoman of the cultural affairs and immigration committee, said she would like to see contract workers like her parents, who have lived and worked in the CNMI for over 20 years, not be treated as "so-called aliens" when it comes to privileges.

"It should be looked at how they work so hard," Rory Quirez, another member of the committee, said.

Two other members, Dong Ha Lee, who has lived on Saipan for 10 years, and Justin Youm, who has lived here for three years, are both international students who feel Saipan is "home." They both noted that as a high school seniors pursuing college, they have met many restrictions and limitations scholarship-wise as international students.

""Students who have studied in the U.S. for more than 10 years have devoted their time and their effort to pursue academics as other citizens. There should be some privileges given as they are given to citizens, especially for those who have the potential to become successful and are willing to come back and contribute to this community," Youm said.

Rae Camacho, chairwoman of the committee on healthcare, said her group is focusing on the funding for the hospital.

"They are really vague as to what is being purchased and who they are hiring," she said, noting that her group is taking a close look at the effects of cost-cutting at the hospital.

"We need to identify the debt and what needs to be paid, what needs to be bought, what does not need to be cut out and what does," she said.

Lou Frances Pua said her committee on law enforcement has a special interest in rehabilitation. She said they would like to develop an "internal halfway house" for the incarcerated, noting that right now there are programs helping the convicted after their release but her group would like to see one developed for prisoners during their jail time.

She said a program like this could help prisoners "find work when they get out so they don't have to cause crime again."

Members of the committee on economic development and budget said their discussion focused on agriculture, as they want to bring agriculture to the forefront in the role it can have in the economy.

The students are representative of all the public high schools, with students from Tinian and Rota present as well as some students from private school Grace Christian Academy, according to Department of the Interior's Sara Walkup, grant manager at Close-up.

Walkup said the students would debate issues during a mock legislative session on Friday morning, with students presenting resolutions to legislators that will visit in the afternoon.

She hopes students come away from the summit knowing what their roles as citizens are.

"They have a responsibility to make sure their elected officials are held accountable to them as citizens, but also that they are making their voices heard," she said.

Rota teacher Elvira Mesngon, who brought a handful of her U.S. government class to the summit, called the event "a good opportunity."

"I hope that the legislators will take them seriously," she added. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

## INVITATION TO BID
### NMHC IFB 2014-005

*This ad is paid for with HUD funds.*

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Rehabilitation Project in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning Thursday, September 25, 2014, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI and austerity holidays.

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in CM140001 for the Mariana Islands.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked NMHC IFB 2014-005. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, October 17, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, October 17, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service no later than Friday, October 17, 2014 AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than Friday, October 24, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, Monday, October 27, 2014. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time, Friday, October 17, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Rehabilitation Project". Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable le to the Attorney General.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety.

Performance time for completion of this project is Thirty (30) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of the Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check, which will be returned to the proposers after the acceptance and award of contract to the successful contractor.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

**/s/Marcie M. Tomokane**
**NMHC Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer**

**/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director**
**Division of Procurement & Supply**

## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
## Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950

## INVITATION FOR BIDS
### DPW/FHWA-14-IFB-002

**SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (FF&E) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TSD/FHWA BRANCH, SAIPAN, PROJECT NO. FY-14(001)**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, delivery, Installation of Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) for the Department of Public Works, TSD/FHWA Branch, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after September 18, 2014, at the DPW Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars **(US$100.00)** is required for each set and in order to bid on this project. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **October 6, 2014**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 10, 2014** to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-14-IFB-002"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **October 15, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **October 15, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 15, 2014** and must be received no later than **October 24, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **October 28, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **October 15, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance bonds, equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred dollars **(US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

# Guam Guard member hurt in off-island accident

A member of the Guam Army National Guard, who is participating in off-island training, was injured in a hit-and-run accident in Lexington, Kentucky.

According to an article in the *Lexington Herald Leader*, "a Lexington firefighter has been charged with DUI, leaving the scene of an accident, first degree assault and driving without insurance, after allegedly backing his SUV through the front of the building, critically injuring a customer on Euclid Ave., in Lexington, KY., Saturday afternoon."

"We are very concerned about the well-being of Capt. Noel Espino. This is a very unfortunate incident and we will do whatever we can to ensure he, and his family, is taken care of while he is recovering," said Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, the Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard.

The Guam National Guard has been in close contact with Espino's family since the incident and is closely monitoring the situation. There are several other members of the Guam National Guard attending training in the same location; however, no other members were injured in the accident.

Paulino has also been communicating with Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini, The Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard, since the incident. "He has pledged to provide whatever assistance and resources we need to ensure Capt. Espino and his family are taken care of at this time," said Paulino. "For now, we ask the public to pray for him and his family that he makes a speedy recovery." ***(GUANG)***

## 13 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged 13 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are the DPW Channel Bridge, San Roque School, Aqua Resort Beach, Fiesta Resort Hotel, Hafadai Beach Hotel, Plumeria Hotel Beach, Tanapag Meeting Hall Beach, Fiesta drainage, Hafadai drainage, Garapan Beach, Samoa Housing, Garapan Fishing Dock, and Hopwood School Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

## BECQ sets Makaka Beach cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Makaka Beach on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Makaka Beach area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade t-shirt.

The Tanapag Dogas Stream Crossing Cleanup was successful with 46 BECQ volunteers participating. Thanks to the many volunteers, about 3,860 lbs of trash was removed from the area and properly disposed of.

The BECQ is looking forward to a repeat success this Saturday, so join BECQ's monthly cleanup brigade and "Pick It Up!" Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(BECQ)***

## New law allows Tinian to retain cockfighting fees for scholarship

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into local law on Monday a measure allowing Tinian to keep all local cockfighting license fees to funds its municipal scholarship program.

The governor signed Rep. Trenton Conner's (Ind-Tinian) House Local Bill 18-50 into Tinian Local Law 18-10.

Under the new local law, Tinian gets to keep all local cockfighting license fees to fund the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board's special account for the island's scholarship recipients.

The new law allows all competing deposits to be collected by the Tinian Municipal Treasury and for the winning bidder's deposit to remain with the municipal treasury.

It also mandates the license fee to deposited into a special account created by the Tinian Municipal Treasury for the specific use of the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board for the island's scholarship recipients. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla from 9am of Sept. 26 to 4am of Sept. 28.

The military will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Sept. 26-28, from 9am to noon.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(PR)***

### Survivors, caregivers support meeting today

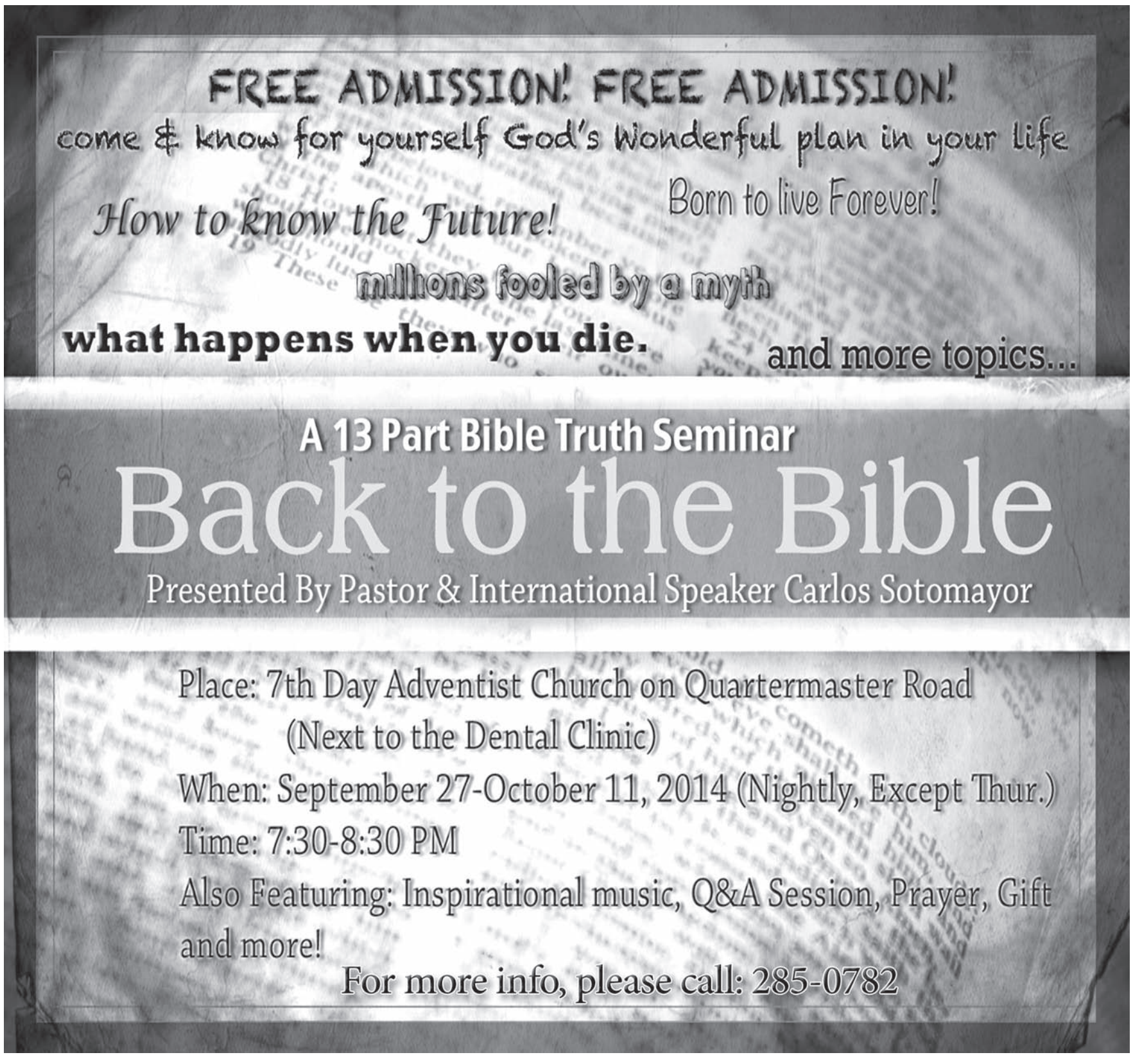
All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting today, Sept. 25, starting at 5:30pm at the Chamolinian Room of the Hyatt Regency Saipan. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

### KagES PTSA meeting set

There will be a PTSA meeting on Sept. 29 at the Kagman Elementary School cafeteria starting at 6pm. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. Please remember that we need a quorum of 50 parents to hold the meeting. ***(PR)***

### Little League Baseball membership meeting

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. is inviting all managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals for the general membership meeting to elect new board members for the 2015-2016 Little League Season. The meeting will be held on Oct. 4, 2014, starting at 9am, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion. Please mark your calendar and be there. ***(PR)***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A 13 Part Bible Truth Seminar
Back to the Bible
Presented By Pastor & International Speaker Carlos Sotomayor
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(Next to the Dental Clinic)
When: September 27-October 11, 2014 (Nightly, Except Thur.)
Time: 7:30-8:30 PM
Also Featuring: Inspirational music, Q&A Session, Prayer, Gift and more!
For more info, please call: 285-0782

# Two-week Forager Fury III exercise kicks off

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—**Forager Fury III will take place from Sept. 24 through Oct. 7 on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Tinian's West and North Fields, and Farallon de Medinilla Target Range.

Forager Fury III is firmly grounded in the successes and lessons learned from prior exercises conducted in the Mariana Island Range Complex.

During Forager Fury III, Anderson Air Force Base will serve as the MAG-12 forward operating base and will be the venue for the MAG-12 operations center.

Training on Tinian's West Field includes emplacement of arresting gear and fuel storage/distribution for purposes of extending aviation training throughout the Mariana Island Range Complex.

Training on Tinian's North Field includes clearing, stripping and repairing the landing surface on Abel, Baker, Charlie, and Dog runways and the installation of matting for fixed-wing operations.

Forager Fury III also incorporates an aviation training relocation event, which has been bilaterally coordinated with the government of Japan for execution in Guam. The ATR program has three goals: improvement of operational readiness, increase interoperability, and reduce the impact on local communities.

Forager Fury III provides an excellent opportunity for III MEF to demonstrate its ability to displace rapidly and generate significant combat power in an expeditionary environment.

Additionally, Forager Fury III will allow MAG-12 to improve aviation combat integration across all echelons of the Marine Air Ground Task Force and heighten expeditionary readiness.

All of the training will be conducted within the scope of environmental impact statements and in accordance with the existing MIRC training manual. ***(Forager Fury Public Affairs Office)***

## "ESFDB LEGACY, 1989 AND BEYOND"

# ESFDB commemorates its 25th year anniversary

Twenty-five years young, 96 years strong! 2014 is Eskuelan San Francisco De Borja 25th anniversary year. The milestone was celebrated on Sept. 23, 2014, at the San Isidro Church in Sinapalo Village, Rota, bringing together parents, friends, alumni, benefactors, donors, and the community's faithful as ESFDB celebrates a milestone and the birthday of its beloved founder, Rev. Monsignor Louis Antonelli.

The theme for the anniversary is "ESFDB Legacy, 1989 and Beyond."

Twenty-five years ago, Antonelli appealed to the Sisters of Mercy in Guam, with whom he fervently wished to have companions in church ministry, to come to Rota and assist him in church work and set up a modest Catholic daycare center for the community.

Antonelli's dream materialized, as Sister Mary Benedict San Nicolas, a native of Rota, arrived from Guam to assist him and assume her ministry as administrator-principal of the first and only Catholic childhood center. She was joined by Sister Mary Veronica Chargualaf and Sister Mary Carmelita Peredo.

Soon after the establishment of the Catholic Childhood Center, under the Education Act of 1988, ESFDB was granted its first charter to operate as a non-profit educational institution with all rights and privileges.

At the age of 96, Antonelli's dream is still alive as the school continues to provide Catholic education to the community of Rota.

After years of various congregations managing the school, a laity was asked to manage ESFDB.

"I never thought I would end up at ESFDB, until one day I was visited by the diocese Apostolic Administrator, Rev. Fr. Ryan Jimenez, and Rota first lady Estrella Mendiola. I was asked if I could extend my help to ESFDB being the administrator-principal of the school," said Carmen H. Atalig. "During my first day, I knew immediately that this was exactly where God wanted me."

Upon hearing that a native of Rota with years of experience working in the CNMI Public School System will be running the school, Antonelli had no reservations and was happy to know that a faithful in the community of Rota is managing the school.

The 25th anniversary committee chair, Lorenzo A. Barcinas, echoed the same sentiments as Antonelli.

"Back then one of Luta's daughters, Sister Mary Benedict (San Nicolas), became the school's first administrator-principal and again another of Luta's daughter, Carmen H. Atalig, is at the helm guiding the school to new heights," said Barcinas.

Barcinas added, "We clearly understand what Monsignor Antonelli had in mind when he contemplated establishing the only Catholic school on Rota. He envisioned the many successful children who will be the leaders of our Luta community and the CNMI."

"I am glad that Monsignor Antonelli founded Eskuelan. I am proud to be part of the school's legacy. I thank my grandparents for sending me to Eskuelan to get educated in a Catholic school," said eighth-grade student Tyra Reese A. Calvo.

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to attend ESFDB and see people recognize the contributions Monsignor Antonelli has made not only to ESFDB, but the Luta community. I know that ESFDB will always be a part of our Luta history," said 1997 alumna Jackie Gumataotao Manglona.

"It is nice for the community to know that we are trying to keep our Catholic education alive," added 1999 alumna Ivy Taitano-Hocog.

"The 25th anniversary celebration should be a reflection of God's work in the school's past, present, and future," said board chair Edward Maratita Jr. "The 25 years of prayers, hard work, dedication, love, and joy which were invested in this magnificent project called Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja will always be remembered. I encourage parents and students to spread the word that investing in a Catholic education is important. You're the witnesses; you're the examples of why you're at ESFDB."

"We congratulate all those people whose prayers, hard work, dedication, love, and joy that made this event worthy of 25 years of faithful service to our students, parents, and community. May God bless each member of the ESFDB family and let us pray for another 25 wonderful years," added Maratita.

Prior to the Mass, Rota Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) presented a resolution honoring Antonelli, Atalig, and the board of directors.

The board of directors and alumni would like to extend their appreciation to the school administration, faculty and staff, students, parents, benefactors, donors, PTO officers, Rep. Santos, Antonio Chavez, Shaw Taisacan, and James Manglona. ***(ESFDB)***

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Eskuelan San Francisco De Borja board members and Parents Teachers Organization officers pose with Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) after presenting a resolution commemorating the school's 25th anniversary and school founder Reverend Monsignor Louis Antonelli's 96th birthday.

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Eskuelan San Francisco De Borja students pose with the school's founder, Rev. Monsignor Louis Antonelli.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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Belated happy 7th birthday to Davin Zachary Camacho Nekaifes! We wish you many more birthdays to come and we love you so much. From Mommy, Zina Nekaifes, brothers, sisters, and family.

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Happy birthday to my loving partner, my baby's father, Eric Borja Ilo! No words can express how thankful we are to have you in our lives. We are beyond blessed the loving, caring and wonderful person you are. God bless and we love you. Love, your babe and baby Izaiah Blaze.

# MCS' Danny Chan leaves after 12 years of service

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

After over a decade of serving Mount Carmel School, Danny Chan, the school's head maintenance personnel, resigned from his post at the sole Catholic educational institution on Saipan.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Chan said he did not want to leave the school, but has to reunite with his two daughters and wife in Guam. "I promised to stay here until the end, but I have to go back," he said.

Acting school president Bobby Nelson Baldazo and school officials awarded Chan with a certificate of appreciation for his 12 years of service to the school last week during a school assembly.

Chan told *Saipan Tribune* he is sad to leave the students. "This is already my second family and I am sad to be leaving."

Baldazo described Chan as "a jack of all trades." "On a regular school day, long before anyone of us—teachers, students, and administrators—sets foot on the hallowed MCS grounds, Danny has already been working."

THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

From left, Mount Carmel School director of Institutional development John Blanco, business manager Keiko Yamagata, Danny Chan, vice principal of Student Affairs Ida Bahillo, and acting school president Bobby Nelson Baldazo pose for a photo after honoring Chan for his 12 years of service to the school.

By the time students enter the campus, Chan has already spent at least an hour sweating it out by opening the gates, installing traffic barriers in the parking area, cleaning the hallways, preparing water dispensers, and turning on the breakers.

"He does all of this to make sure the water pumps and units are functioning. This routine is tough and tedious, I know this because I personally experience doing these things in the morning," Baldazo added.

Chan, an electrical engineer, can also be seen long after school hours assisting students and teachers in after-school activities, sometimes even leaving the school at midnight.

Baldazo explained that finding a replacement of Chan's caliber and commitment is a "tall order and one that will truly be a big challenge on the part of the school."

Student Council president Andrea Lazaro said that Chan is someone who she considers one of the school's most important people. "[With] him leaving makes me really sad. The school will dearly miss him."


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## EDITORIAL

# Let's have zero tolerance for hitting kids

At what point does corporal punishment of children become abuse? That question has been on the minds of many Americans since Minnesota Vikings star Adrian Peterson was arrested and charged with a crime for hitting his 4-year-old son with a switch.

Because most of us have had personal experience with the issue, opinions vary. Some say that a swat or two on the backside makes a point and can help keep a child safe. Others argue that violence begets violence, and striking children only teaches them that hitting is acceptable.

Our view falls in the latter camp—and that from an editorial board that includes members who have both spanked and been spanked. But given what we now know about the harm it can cause, striking children should drop off the list of acceptable disciplinary practices.

The Peterson case has ignited a national discussion about the use of corporal punishment. Peterson, 29, has acknowledged using a switch to discipline his son, but says he didn't intend to harm the boy. He also stated that he was disciplined in a similar way by his father when growing up in Texas.

After the news media and public reacted strongly to photos of the boy's injuries, even Peterson acknowledged that his discipline went further than he intended, according to his attorney. The whipping reportedly caused numerous cuts and bruises to the child's back, buttocks, ankles, legs and scrotum, plus defensive wounds to his hands.

Hitting hard enough to leave multiple wounds on a 4-year-old is assault and child abuse in our book. A Texas grand jury found probable cause to move forward with charges.

Research has confirmed that spanking or otherwise striking a child is an inappropriate form of discipline that can lead to mental health issues.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, for example, rejects spanking under any circumstance. And a recent study from Tulane University provides strong evidence that spanking causes children to act out more over time. Of the nearly 2,500 children in that study, those who were spanked more frequently at age 3 were much more likely to be aggressive by age 5.

Frequent spanking, the researchers found, sets up a vicious circle of continued bad behavior by instilling fear rather than understanding. Hitting young children doesn't help them understand what they did wrong or why they shouldn't have been acting up. In addition, using physical forms of discipline teaches kids that aggressive behavior is how adults solve problems.

Jails and prisons are filled with inmates who have been hit, beaten or otherwise abused as children. Those are the men and women who experience violence as a normal part of their childhoods, and they too frequently end up using violence against their own partners and children as adults.

Still, polls show that about 70 percent of Americans don't object to spanking. There are some racial, regional and religious differences in the rates of tolerance, but generally the practice is seen as acceptable. That needs to change.

An encouraging trend is that tolerance was even stronger a few decades ago. The University of Chicago's General Social Survey was first done in 1986. At that time, overall acceptance of spanking stood at nearly 85 percent, but it has dropped steadily since.

More parents should consider the convoluted logic involved

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# A bottomless fund for a permanent war

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The News & Observer (Raleigh, N.C.)

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Last week Barack Obama became the third president of our last four to announce sustained military action in Iraq. The sense of deja vu can be numbing. Everything is not the same, of course, yet even some of the differences this time around contain elements of similarity.

One aspect has to do with how decision-makers are evaluating the cost.

Start with the contrast. Then-Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told Congress in February 2003, three weeks before the United States invaded, that "the president's proposed budget does not estimate the incremental cost of a possible war with Iraq, nor does it request contingency funding to cover them." Meanwhile, today's Pentagon was already talking numbers two weeks before Obama's address, informing the public that Iraq operations currently are running at $7.5 million per day.

Greater honesty about the cost of military action clearly is a good thing. Yet our financial challenge today merely is the inverse of the problem in 2003. The Bush administration chose to ignore contingency funding, while the Obama administration has so much of it that cost isn't a near-term limitation. As the Pentagon's press secretary put it, "we're well within the limits that we need for 2014."

That's remarkable. Congress has been absolutely slugging it out over the budget for three years, and yet the Pentagon's contingency fund still is flush enough that it can comfortably absorb an unplanned tab of $7.5 million every day. Rep. Walter Jones, whose district includes Camp Lejeune, showed his exasperation with this situation in July by denouncing this account as "nothing but a slush fund."

Jones' point can be made more precisely: Congress and the White House chose as part of the 2011 budget deal to exempt the Pentagon's contingency budget from the cap that governs its regular accounts. They simply agreed to ignore the effect of costs in this particular category on taxes and debt. As a result, our elected officials have little incentive to impose discipline over this fund. So they haven't.

Let's put some numbers around this. The Pentagon's contingency budget for this fiscal year is $85 billion. Less than a third of that—$26 billion—is marked for military operations inside Afghanistan. Another $20 billion is going to pay for the work of over 60,000 service members offering support from countries elsewhere in the region. Certainly there is some need for rearguard help, but this commitment has narrowed by only 14 percent since 2011, when the U.S. was surging in Afghanistan and still deployed on the ground in Iraq.

Next up is $18 billion described only as "classified." Part of this surely pays to collect intelligence about terrorist groups active in Afghanistan, yet the Pentagon indicates that three-quarters of it is separate from Afghanistan. And then there's $4.5 billion to cover the salaries of soldiers and Marines whom the Pentagon is in the process of cutting. It's funding them on a contingency basis to dodge the budget cap and bank the savings now, rather than when these personnel actually leave the force.

Finding $7.5 million isn't a problem, even if you have to do it every day, when tens of billions of dollars are on the table, all exempt the discipline that comes with from budget caps.

Taxpayers can draw several obvious inferences from this.

Most immediately, the Pentagon should be able to accomplish this new military operation in Iraq within its existing resources. There is no way that this mission should cost more than we save in the course of leaving Afghanistan. Our spending for this entire campaign should be offset from elsewhere in the contingency fund.

Looking a little further ahead, Congress and the White House need to cap the Pentagon's contingency fund in the same way as its other accounts. Confronting trade-offs is the essence of fiscal discipline. Our budget battles over the past three years have been entirely too hard-fought for us to let the savings just leak away.

And then there's the big picture. "Contingency fund," both in Washington parlance and even as I've used it here, is just a euphemism. This account pays for war, however you want to call it, and decision-makers from across our government want it to be a standing part of the budget. The United States is close to a point of budgeting for permanent war. That may not be the intent, but it could well be the effect. This has escaped broad, national attention for far too long.

It's been 11 years since we last launched a military campaign in Iraq. Paying for it was a triviality then. Now we've reached the point that buying a military campaign is normal. The paradox is that, both times around, we started a fight in Iraq without being forced to take full measure of the sacrifices that go along with it.

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# Señas gi kantun chalan

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Katkuet pattida yan tropan kandidatu sige man-e`salau gi kantun chalan "bota, bota, bota". Fuera de malachai-yu` machatge ni litratun niha gi kantun chalan man-huyuñg ya masegunduye saulag señas. Kulan mohon tita tuñgu` haye siha.

Entalu` a`gañg, batbaru yan man-doli na heñiun kabayerus man-estaba gi kantun chalan. Guaha chatgon lau metbios estomaguña, chatgon lau sinaulag putin uchan ma-atde, chatgon lau ni guiya mismu ti ha komprende haf` ha chachatge. Guahu i masuette sa` nuke-ruyu` ni masusesede. Hinalulula-yu` para i gima sa` masuetteyu` kachu` para sashimi yan kelaguen.

Mientras duru i señas, gaige gi un` banda un` familia man-e`esuette sinsiyu pot guaha para umana` hanau para hospitat hiyuñg Marianas. Dañkulu na difirensia ginagau botu yan sinsiyu pot minalañgu.

I ginagau ausiliu pot minalañgu debi ta komprende na pot taya` fondoña i programan medical referral para gastun i pipulan. Lokue`, mientras mas mona mas megai tautau-ta man-ninana`ye ni mas man-seriosu siha na klasen chetnot. Un` asuntu na debi uma-estudiaye sin ditension ni man-sabiun hegsu` I Deni`.

**Alibiu:** Yangin para un` faisen-yu` ayudun botu, haf` che`chomu pot guaguan kandet, insurance hinemlu` yan apas deductible (hospitat), presiun neñkanu` yan otru siha nessesidat familia, gaselina, gastun hinemlu`, ma-utut 25 pot sientu gi pagamientun man-ritirau, yan hatsadan maseha dididi` gi sueddun empleau ni tatnai mahatsa pot 20 años na tiempu?

Dispues mas ke 3,000 na tautau-ta dumiñgu i tanu` pot taya` appottunidat cho`chu` `nai siña masoda` mantension familia. Este na kastigun linala` miserapble rekueddun miyu ni tautau-ta mismu? Fuera de ennau, in` lañgag bumisita lagu pot botu dispues de didog na diskuidun miyu? Dios mihu, otru che`chu` kabron!

**Bisita:** Mattu un` prohimu mamaisen bendision pot sumaunau kumandidatu na biahe. Hu tamtam haf` kinemprendeña pot asuntun linahyan. Ni unu gi kuestion-hu ha danche lau sige ha` de ha chalegua-gue` kulan fresku na hiniyuñg professot karissu.

Hu chaba` ya huna`e klaru ni hinasoghu. Hu fanu`e lokue` manu `nai guiya mismu gumuadog naftaña. Deste ayu na hinanauña esta pa`gut i uma`ali`e ham. Mampos bibu sikosña sin u asegura na makandalu fitme yan usun titanosña. Dios mihu! Lau lamegai man-gai heñiu taiguine `sino man-atotgante gi ti fafayen niha. A`Saina!

### Fresku gi fina` lehñgon

Gi fihon foggun sanhiyuñg, ha estira un` brin yan siya `nai ha tatane`gue` i amku` diariu. Antes de u fatachoñg hana` fañochu i pinegsaiña siha dispues ha biragueguatu gi siyaña gumimen kafe.

Sumen fresku lugatña sa` ha planta gi papa` lehñgon mayao troñkun mames. Ha sufan pa`gu i niyog ya hafa` matan tautau. I hayun pagu hafa` galaide`ni gai layag. Guaha otru hinatmaña kumu hagas hureru kontodu macheten to`lañg ni tatnai huli`e sumugu` `an pañgpañg.

Hu li`e gi un` banda pinita` niyog era fina` ta`ug para u pega gi kanton linderu gi lemlem tautau. Pot primet biahe lokue` hu li`e man-dañkulon umañg ni man-mantika abunen niha. Paire matunu `sino makadun lechen niyog.

Gaige talayan tiau makakana` gi kanton pottan kusina. `An dinanche ha`ane yan ora, ha tulusgue` para i kantun unai umesuette tapadan tiau, faya yan otru siha na guihan man-dikiki`.

Hu li`e lokue` mamunu` babue deste tutuhon estake ha chuñgat i ga`ga` ya ha tutuhon sumepara haf` para flitada yan tininu. Finu macho`chu1 kontodu chinamoskan patas.

Unu likidu hu repara: I antau, finu yan sumen nama`aggem na eskaleran konbetsasion gi entalu` dos amku`. Hu hoka yan gotde gi kadenan sinturahu para bai` hahaassu gi karera.

Antes de bai` hanau, hana`e`yu` dididi fina` golai yan hina`men katne. Gi biradan para iya hame sige lumiliku` hinasoghu haf` na ti siña mohon taiguihe modun linala`hu? Sen tai molestia na amku` yan asaguaña. Todu kinalamten sumisiha i dos kontodu misa, lisayu yan nobena.

**Animas:** Gi un` kantun tasi ni hasan mabisita, hu huñgog un` ekun bos kinikilili` halom ni mañglu` ginen i rubentason. Gi primet biahe ti hu attende. Sige hu rikonose oriyan ayu na kantun unai. Mi-achu` ni man-dañkulu yan barañka mampos para usun familia.

Gi suena na lemlem tautau, hu huñgog ta`lu i mismu ekun bos ginen i chagu`. Mas klaru na ayudu finaiseseña gi kasse hechuran tinayuyot. Sin ditension hu tayuyute pot 18 dias. Ala kuenta malagu` i prohima ayudu mahuchum lebloña pot esta mamalefan ñaihongue` ni familiaña.

Hu promesa tinayuyot sa` ennau ha` ninasiñahu. Gi dumeskansaghu guine na pueñge hu siente kulan ha ulus iluhu. Hu ayu`us ya hu sañgane na u hanau ya u deskansa sa` esta todu felis. Makat hu ñega finaisen un` animas. Dispues, hana` magofyu` pot inañgoghu ni ha pega giya guahu.

Dispues `nai hu sosoda` na maliñgu ayu na prohima ya umahnanau ti masoda`. Ti hu tuñgu` haye-tue` sessu, lau enfin magofyu` sa` hu pega esta gi sagaña. Hahassu lokue` haye na espiritu gi tinayuyot miyu. Man-gaige ha` gi oriyata kumu petmanente natibun este siha na islas.

Madulalag i amiguhu ni segundu asaguaña. Hu faisen hafa guaha. Ilegña magacha`gue` yan si gayega. Tiha tuñgu haf` para u lapblayu` `nai hu sañgane na mauleg sa` gai tinemtum i asaguaña. Dimoñu!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Bennett's big mouth has his foot in it

Okay, for the sake of argument, let's say (lol) you're not a "racist." The fact is that you are attacking an individual who is of Chinese descent and placing him on this pedestal as an individual who is taking down the government and "owns" most of the CNMI! And you say I'm wearing this "veil of ignorance." Did you even read what I wrote? I mean, come on! What do you use that thing between your ears for?

Also, you wrote what you "heard and believe." So your comments are based purely on hearsay, lies, and conjecture. Circumstantial or rather, third party info from a friend who heard it from a friend who heard it from the wife of a friend who is the wife of one of the guys she's doinking. Why write anything at all if all you care about is if your readers believe you or not? It would be more constructive if you wrote to express an educated opinion regarding the state of current affairs and possibly a solution.

Maybe one day you'll find the time to go to the Court Recorder's office and do some actual research to substantiate all the claims you've heard. All the info is there if you'd just take the time to substantiate your outrageous claims!

Also, your "racist" remark that maybe because most of the current investors are Chinese and Best Sunshine is from China, I should connect the dots. Do you still buy "Painting by Numbers" and claim that this is the picture you painted because you colored the numbered sections and didn't go outside the lines? When you say "Big Financial Monster" and you put the word "Chinese" in front of it, that's "racism"!

I particularly like the "greed" claim. Every businessman or woman, or those who have their own businesses, are "greedy" in that they set up their businesses to hopefully make enough money to either pass on to their children or create a better life! Isn't that the American Dream? To own and operate a successful business that could make them rich? Oh, wait. You wouldn't know anything about that because you've never had one. Tell me you wouldn't want to be P. Diddy but we'll be using the pseudonym "Big Mouthy."

The truth is that most of all the current investors in the CNMI, which, considering our current financial crisis, are of Asian descent.

Tan Holdings is a very successful family-owned business that, for the most part, was built from the ground up. Even after all the garment factories folded up and left town, many with ongoing labor cases and workers who had no place to go, were ripped off by their employers. Tan Holdings stayed and decided to increase their non-garment holdings by venturing into tourism and purchasing hotels and opening a tour company. It invested in the local people by foraying into an uncertain new industry, tourism.

Now this is where you should have done your homework, Ambrose. You yourself tried to climb onboard the only thing we have left, tourism!

I, for one, know most of the facts of how Tan Holdings came to be and one thing is definitely true is that the family knows how to start, operate, and build a successful company. They know the importance of hard work!

Dr. Tan Siu Lin, the patriarch of the family, instilled in his children, the importance of education and hard work. He didn't hand over the "keys to the kingdom" as some people think. He made them work hard but also to work smart.

Now this is funny. "I don't have to do any research on Tan Holdings. It's common knowledge." Who edjimacated you, Ambrose?

"His pockets are full of money he made and is still making here in the CNMI but we are still suffering!" Since when is it anybody's responsibility to save us from ourselves? Are you actually hearing yourself? You missed your calling. You should be doing stand-up because you are hilarious!

Political connections? All of us have political connections. I have many! Except mine just happen to be friends who were voted by the people to be tasked to look after our best interests. Don't you have friends who are elected officials?

Oh, by the way, Sister Theresa was actually Mother Theresa and she gave all of herself. She is the perfect example of human decency who also looked for the good in people, unlike you, slinking in the background like the snake you are, looking for anything and everything that you can use to see your name in print. However, her contributions were of the heart and brought out the injustice to the soul. She is saintly and should not be used as an indicator to spruce up your diatribe.

You are truly a ridiculous man. You're saying that any businessman should put the people first before himself and his family. It's one thing to be a liberal, it's another thing to allow a man to spread propaganda about others hoping that his "foot in mouth" Hail Mary speech.

I have never endorsed anyone for political office in the media. All I am doing is speaking out for my friends, who you don't know and never will. You are not in "our" class. You are a ridiculous little man who has way too much time on his hands so instead of doing something constructive in your retirement, you choose to inflame the masses with your diatribe and conjecture, insulting people who won't respond to you directly because they're too busy working, making money, doing things constructive to help our people, be it through donations or as elected public servants.

This is my last letter to the likes of you because the check your mouth wrote but your ass can't cash has *bounced!*

**Michael Geisinger**
*Dandan, Saipan*

# Extremely concerned

The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission is extremely concerned concerning the Grand Jury's recently returned superseding indictment against the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. We are monitoring the situation and will conduct a review of the license and consider what impact this imictment may have on that license.

The recent indictment concerns failures of the Tinian Dynasty to fill out various reports concerning currency transactions and its failure s to maintain an effective anti-money-laundering program. While these particular alleged violations are not violations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Act which is administered by the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission, any serious violations of federal laws which call into question the integrity of the casino operations or which might endanger the public, are matters of great concern to the Commission.

There is a group of investors and operators who are now applying for licenses on behalf of the Tinian Dynasty and we want t make sure that these new Casino Applicants, should their applications be approved, are knowledgeable about these federal requirements and in compliance with them.

**Mathew C. Masga**
*Chairman, Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission*

## ZERO

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in justifying hitting a child. Peterson allegedly hit his son because the 4-year-old hit or pushed another one of his children. So what sense does it make to beat a kid to teach him not to beat others? Why use physical force to punish a kid for using physical force?

"My parents spanked me and I turned out all right" is time-warped thinking. Times have changed, and slowly so have cultural attitudes. In previous decades, it was glamorous to smoke, no one wore seat belts and segregation was legal. Today, societal norms are different.

Hitting kids should be relegated to the same scrapheap of history. The strong reaction to the Peterson allegations should move society toward zero tolerance for striking children.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. |
| ▲87° ▼75° | ▲87° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼77° |

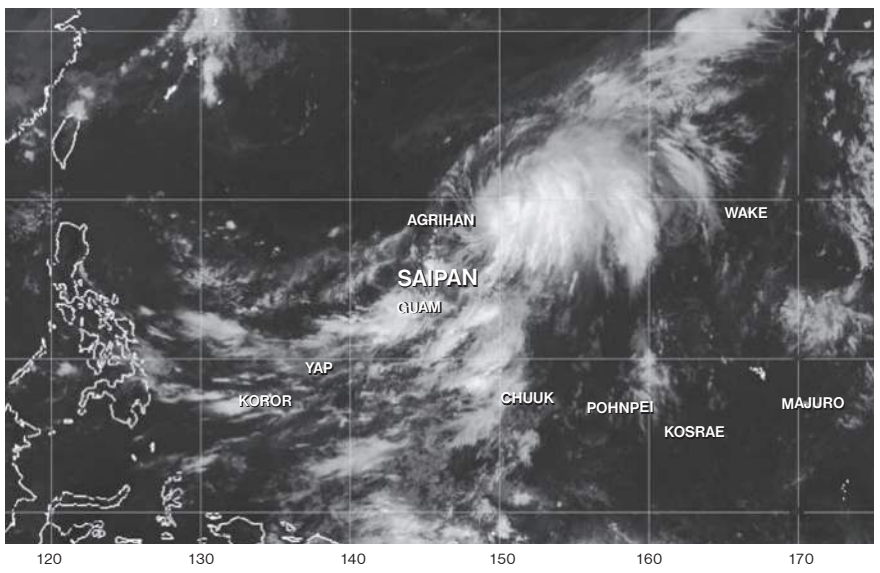
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam And Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼79 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼79 |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼80 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼81 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼81 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Partly Cloudy | ▲62 | ▼50 |
| Beijing | Thundershowers | ▲80 | ▼57 |
| Hong Kong | Mostly Sunny | ▲84 | ▼78 |
| Honolulu | Showers | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| London | Mostly Sunny | ▲68 | ▼58 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼66 |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼75 |
| Melbourne | Partly Cloudy | ▲66 | ▼48 |
| Miami | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| New York | Rain | ▲65 | ▼59 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲82 | ▼63 |
| Paris | Sunny | ▲73 | ▼53 |
| Pusan | Mostly Sunny | ▲74 | ▼62 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲79 | ▼56 |
| Salem | Showers | ▲71 | ▼50 |
| San Francisco | Showers | ▲68 | ▼59 |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | ▲78 | ▼59 |
| Tokyo | Mostly Sunny | ▲77 | ▼62 |
| Washington, DC | Showers | ▲68 | ▼59 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A slowly developing tropical disturbance is centered about 300 miles northeast of Saipan near 18N149E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 17N and 22N from 148E to 155E. This system is the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. For more information, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW and special weather statements issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WWMY80 PGUM. A surface trough curves northeastward from north of Koror near 14N130E through the tropical disturbance to end near Minami Tori Shima at 25N155E. Converging winds in the vicinity of the trough are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Koror, Yap, Guam and Chuuk or between the equator and 14N from 132E to 153E. Similar weather is occurring southeast of Minami Tori Shima between 17N and 23N from 155E to 162E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3:15 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.4 Feet |
| 9:11 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 3:28 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.5 Feet |
| 9:13 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:06 AM | 6:11 PM |
| Friday | 6:06 AM | 6:10 PM |
| Saturday | 6:06 AM | 6:10 PM |
| Sunday | 6:06 AM | 6:09 PM |
| Monday | 6:07 AM | 6:08 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:37 AM | 6:47 PM |
| Friday | 7:26 AM | 7:28 PM |
| Saturday | 8:17 AM | 8:12 PM |
| Sunday | 9:09 AM | 8:58 PM |
| Monday | 10:03 AM | 9:48 PM |

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### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota |
| UA5078 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5038 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 2, 4 |
| UA5040 | 7:05pm | 7:55pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:50pm | 11:40pm | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 3:05pm | 6, 7 |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 3:35pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 11:15pm | 2, 4, 6 via NRT |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764A | 4:00am | 8:00am | 4, 7 |
| MU764 | 4:00am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA5069/PR111 | 2:45am | 4:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via Guam |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/473 | 6:05am | 10:20pm | Daily via NRT |
| UA5071/PR111 | 6:40am | 4:50pm | 3 via Guam |
| UA5071/PR111 | 7:15am | 4:50pm | 1, 5, 6, 7 via Guam |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5039/183 | 2:30pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 5 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:20pm | 9:10pm | 1 via GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:20pm | 9:10pm | 4 via GUM |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | 2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/723 | 2:20am | 12:50pm | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
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| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:40pm | 7 via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

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| UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 1:10pm | 2:00pm | 6, 7 |
| UA5038 | 1:10pm | 2:50pm | 2, 4 via Rota |
| UA5077 | 2:00pm | 2:50pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5041 | 5:45pm | 6:35pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5043 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | 1, 5 |

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 1:10pm | 1:45pm | 2, 4 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 2:15pm | 2:50pm | 2, 4 |

**PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 4:30am | 3:05pm | 3, 5, 7 via NRT |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763A | 6:50pm | 2:30am+1 | 3, 6 |
| MU763 | 7:20pm | 3:00am+1 | 4, 7 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ704/603 | 12:10am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| PR110/UA5041 | 7:35am | 6:35pm | 1,5 via Guam |
| PR110/UA5077 | 7:35am | 8:05pm | 3, 6, 7 via Guam |
| PR110/UA5043 | 7:35am | 10:20pm | 1, 5 via Guam |
| DL172/288 | 7:55am | 1:30am+1 | Daily via NRT |
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| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
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| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 2:00pm+1 | 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 2:50pm+1 | 4 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1 via GUM |
| UA184/5041 | 10:25pm | 6:35pm+1 | 1 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 8:05pm+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 10:25pm | 10:20pm+1 | 1 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 11:30pm | 2:50pm+1 | 2 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 2:50pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5041 | 11:30pm | 6:35pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 8:05pm+1 | 2 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 11:30pm | 10:20pm+1 | 5 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ746/603 | 12:40am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| OZ750/603 | 1:40am | 2:20pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN |
| OZ724/605 | 1:50pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ724/605 | 1:50pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 2:00pm+1 | 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM-Rota |
| UA180/5041 | 9:55pm | 6:35pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 8:05pm+1 | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5043 | 9:55pm | 10:20pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

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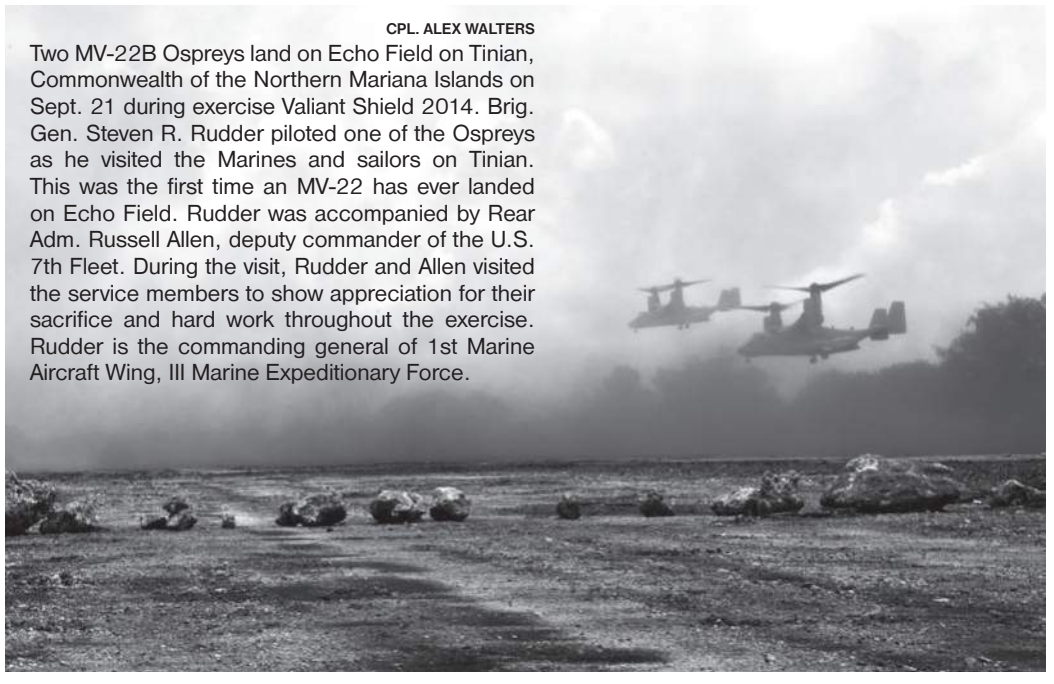
# Valiant Shield 2014 on Tinian

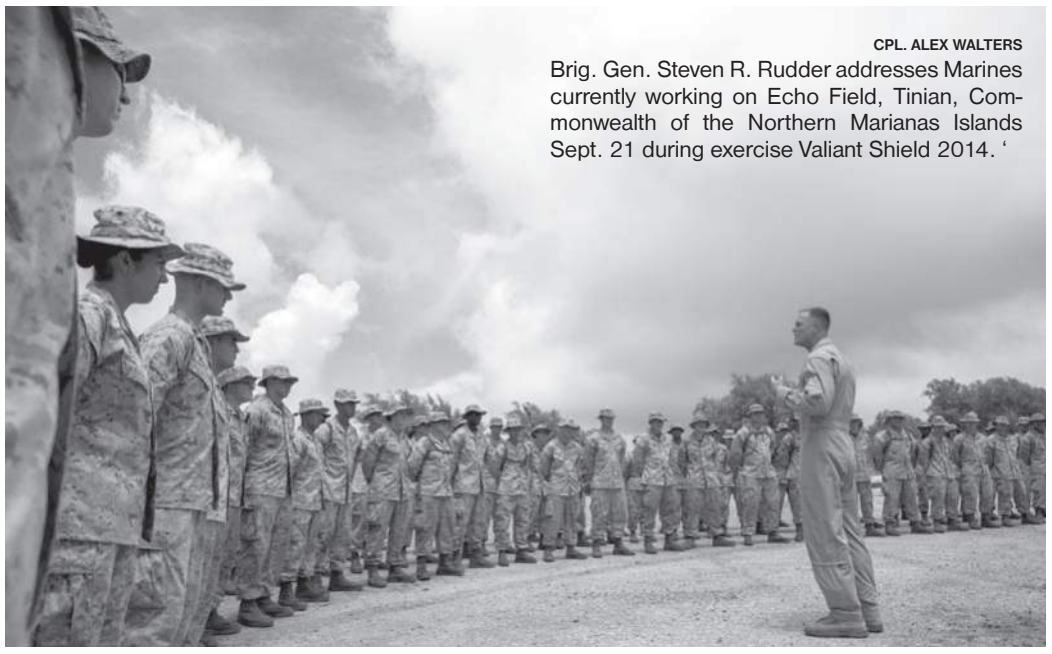


CPL. ALEX WALTERS

Two MV-22B Ospreys land on Echo Field on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on Sept. 21 during exercise Valiant Shield 2014. Brig. Gen. Steven R. Rudder piloted one of the Ospreys as he visited the Marines and sailors on Tinian. This was the first time an MV-22 has ever landed on Echo Field. Rudder was accompanied by Rear Adm. Russell Allen, deputy commander of the U.S. 7th Fleet. During the visit, Rudder and Allen visited the service members to show appreciation for their sacrifice and hard work throughout the exercise. Rudder is the commanding general of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

CPL. ALEX WALTERS

Brig. Gen. Steven R. Rudder, center, Rear Adm. Russell Allen, center left, and Col. Hunter H. Hobson receive a brief on the M31 Marine Corps expeditionary arresting gear system Sept. 21 at West Field, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands during exercise Valiant Shield 2014. Rudder is the commanding general of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Allen is the deputy commander of the U.S. 7th Fleet. Hobson is the commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st MAW, III MEF.



CPL. ALEX WALTERS

Brig. Gen. Steven R. Rudder addresses Marines currently working on Echo Field, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands Sept. 21 during exercise Valiant Shield 2014. ‘

LANCE CPL. TYLER NGIRASWEI

Dwyan A. Cabrera, right, shares a coconut with Lance Cpl. Christopher S. Frandsen, left, and Lance Cpl. Devin J. Conway Sept. 20 by the beach while the Marines were on liberty during exercise Valiant Shield 2014. Cabrera taught them how to open the coconut and then offered them a taste. Cabrera is a local citizen of Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Frandsen and Conway are field artillery cannoneers with 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

LANCE CPL. AUSTIN SCHLOSSER

U.S. Marines change firing coordinates of an M224 60 mm Lightweight Mortar Sept. 20 during exercise Valiant Shield 2014 on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Marines are with Company A, 1st Batallion, 3rd Marine Regiment, currently assigned to 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

CPL. D. A. WALTERS

Marine infantrymen make their way to a compound held by Guam Army National Guard who are acting as an opposing force Sept. 20 during the island seizure portion of Exercise Valiant Shield 2014 at Tinian’s North Field. The Marines were transported from Okinawa to Guam and from there to Tinian.

LANCE CPL. AUSTIN SCHLOSSER

A KC-130J Super Hercules with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force lands during Valiant Shield 2014.

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# Business

## Samsung to launch new phone in China before Apple

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—Samsung Electronics Co. said Wednesday its latest Galaxy Note 4 smartphone will go on sale in China and South Korea later this month as its flagging mobile business tries to defend sales from Apple's new iPhones.

Samsung said all three South Korean mobile operators will begin Galaxy Note 4 sales on Friday. All three Chinese mobile carriers will release the new phone before the end of this month, it said.

Samsung's announcement marks the first time the South Korean company has released a flagship smartphone in China before other major overseas markets.

Apple's iPhone 6 has yet to arrive in China, the world's most populous country. But Apple Inc. still chalked up 10 million sales of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models in the first three days after the phones went on sale.

Samsung's early move in China comes as the South Korean company faces challenges on multiple fronts. Its profit from the crucial mobile business has flagged and local brands in India and China have dented its sales of cheap phones.

AP

Models pose with Samsung Electronics Co.'s latest Galaxy Note 4 and Galaxy Note Edge smartphones as they are unveiled in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2014.

Apple's new iPhone 6 with its larger screen than previous models eliminates at key advantage for Samsung that lured buyers with the big screens of its Galaxy phones.

The 4.7-inch screen of the iPhone 5 has been increased to 5.5-inches for the iPhone 6 Plus.

The Galaxy Note 4's display measures 5.7 inches diagonally, slightly larger than the biggest iPhone. The Note series comes with a stylus that Samsung calls "S Pen" for note taking and drawing.

Samsung moved forward its launch schedule for the new Note phone from October after Apple announced the iPhone 6 with a bigger screen.

U.S. sales of the Galaxy Note 4 will start on Oct. 17.

Samsung said the Galaxy Note Edge, which has a curved side screen that serves as a second screen to display weather information, clocks and menu buttons, will start going on sale in late October.

## Cadillac to ditch Detroit for trendy NYC address

**DETROIT** (AP)—Cadillac wants a jolt from the city that never sleeps.

General Motors' 112-year-old luxury car division, founded in Detroit and named for the city's founder, is moving its headquarters to New York.

Cadillac, which has been steadily losing sales to its German rivals, wants to get closer to its ideal buyers. Executives and marketing staffers will set up shop in a loft office in Manhattan's trendy SoHo neighborhood starting next year.

"There is no city in the world where the inhabitants are more immersed in a premium lifestyle than in New York," Johann de Nysschen, the brand's new president, said in a statement issued Tuesday announcing the move. "It allows our team to share experiences with premium-brand consumers and develop attitudes in common with our audience."

Cadillac will become a separate business unit, giving it more freedom to chase global growth. Most product engineering and design will remain in Detroit. Cadillacs will continue to be built at plants in Michigan, Texas, Canada, Mexico and China.

The company is still evaluating which employees go to New York, but spokesman David Caldwell said it's likely fewer than 100 people will move in the first phase next year.

Allen Adamson, managing director of branding firm Landor Associates in New York, said the advantage of New York is its proximity to the luxury market.

"You have to catch trends closer to potential buyers," Adamson said. "There are more hedge fund billionaires in NYC than there are in Detroit. The team will be closer to the luxury market and luxury users."

Adamson said it's also less important today for car brands to be linked to manufacturing centers like Detroit. Fiat Chrysler's new global headquarters will be in London, for example.

"Cars today are less about the functionality of wheels and transmission and more about total experience: music, computer integration, the experience driving it. I don't think the expertise is necessarily tied to a particular geography," he said.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### US, California release roadmap for solar projects

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—State and federal officials sought Tuesday to bring order to California's boom for renewable-energy plants in the Mojave and other southern California deserts, releasing a roadmap covering 22.5 million acres that designates some areas for large-scale solar, wind and geothermal plants and others for conservation of desert habitat and animals. "We have amazingly special places here," U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said in a news conference at a desert wind farm near Palm Springs with U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer and other officials releasing the multi-agency draft plan. By taking a look at the desert as a whole, Jewell said, the plan's designers are ensuring "the areas that should be protected are set aside. The areas that should be developed are streamlined" for building utility-scale renewable energy plants.

### Philips to separate lighting arm into new company

**AMSTERDAM** (AP)—Royal Philips NV is to split off its lighting division to create two separate companies, the latest in a string of radical restructurings by one of Europe's best-known corporations. Philips, which began as a lighting company back in 1891, said Tuesday that "independence" would make it easier for the lighting arm—widely regarded as the dominant seller of LED lighting products—to enter new markets. "I do appreciate the magnitude of the decision we are taking, but the time is right to take the next strategic step," Chief Executive Frans van Houten said. Philips, he added, would be open to "consider various options for alternative ownership structures" for the lighting arm—which could include seeking a separate stock market listing for it or selling it directly in part or whole.

# Nation

## US warns that Ebola could infect 1.4 million

**NEW YORK** (AP)—U.S. health officials Tuesday laid out worst-case and best-case scenarios for the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, warning that the number of infected people could explode to at least 1.4 million by mid-January—or peak well below that, if efforts to control the outbreak are ramped up.

The widely varying projections by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were based on conditions in late August and do not take into account a recent international surge in medical aid for the stricken region. That burst has given health authorities reason for some optimism.

"I'm confident the most dire projections are not going to come to pass," CDC chief Dr. Tom Frieden said in releasing the report.

About 5,800 illnesses and over 2,800 deaths have been counted since the first cases were reported six months ago. But international health authorities have warned that the crisis is probably far worse in reality, with many corpses and infected people hidden or unreported.

The CDC, for example, estimated that the real number of cases, reported and unreported, could reach 21,000 by Sept. 30 in just two of the hardest-hit countries, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

In its worst-case scenario, the CDC said the number of illnesses in those nations could hit 1.4 million by Jan. 20.

But the CDC also said that the epidemic in both countries could be almost ended by Jan. 20, by aggressively isolating the sick, either in hospitals or at home, and by taking steps to reduce the spread of the disease during burials.

"A surge now can break the back of the epidemic," Frieden said.

The CDC did not give an estimate of how many Ebola cases overall could be expected under the best-case scenario. But it said the number of new cases per day could be fewer than 300 by mid-January, instead of the thousands feared under the grimmer projections.

The World Health Organization released its own estimates Tuesday, also warning that cases could soar dramatically. The U.N. agency, whose estimates were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine, said 21,000 people could be infected in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone by early November.

WHO said the death rate has been about 70 percent among hospitalized patients.

Guessing the epidemic's path—especially long-term—is difficult, experts said.

## Ports mostly reopen after Los Angeles-area fire

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A fire that raged overnight on the underside of an old wooden wharf was finally quelled Tuesday but not before all container terminals at the Port of Los Angeles and several in adjacent Long Beach harbor were shut down for most of the day because of worries about unhealthy smoke.

Concern about the plume from burning creosote-preserved timber in the pre-World War II wharf also triggered a precautionary evacuation of a port-area elementary school and advice to residents to stay indoors.

Seven of the eight Port of Los Angeles container terminals were reopened with the 6 p.m. night shift, and the eighth was scheduled to restart work on Wednesday, port spokesman Phillip Sanfield said.

He estimated a few thousand employees, mostly longshore workers, were sent home Tuesday.

At the neighboring Port of Long Beach, all six terminals were open and functioning again after three of them were closed for most of the day, the port said in a statement.

A welding accident Monday evening ignited the 800-foot-long wharf, which has a warehouse running most of its length. The wharf is part of a terminal that processes cargo that isn't confined to large, stackable containers.

Fireboats spraying water and foam worked with scuba divers and firefighters ashore to contain the bulk of the fire after about 2 1/2 hours, but it continued to smolder Tuesday night, and officials did not know when the final embers would be out.

"This is a very, very difficult fire to fight," said Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Ralph Terrazas.

The twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handle 40 percent of America's import trade.

The economic impact of the fire was not immediately known and will depend on what kind of cargo was held on the docks. Sanfield said he expected the dollar loss would be minimal because dockworkers have been able to catch up following similar-length disruptions due weather or labor unrest.

## Ban sought on children working on tobacco farms

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Thirty-five House Democrats are urging the Obama administration to prohibit children from working on tobacco farms, citing concerns about ill health effects.

The lawmakers, led by Reps. David Cicilline, D-R.I., and Matt Cartwright, D-Pa., made their plea in a letter to Labor Secretary Thomas Perez. A copy of the letter was obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

In 2012, the Labor Department withdrew a proposed rule that would have banned children under 16 from several kinds of agriculture work, including tobacco farms. In their letter, the lawmakers, all Democrats, urged a narrower ban that would deal solely with children on tobacco farms.

The letter doesn't specify an age limit, but a spokesman for Cicilline said he and other lawmakers would prefer the ban apply to children under 18. Cicilline has a bill in Congress that would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ban kids under 18 from jobs where they have direct contact with tobacco plants or leaves.

The lawmakers cited a Human Rights Watch report issued in May which said nearly three-quarters of the children it interviewed reported vomiting, nausea and headaches while working on tobacco farms. Those symptoms are consistent with nicotine poisoning often called green tobacco sickness, which occurs when workers absorb nicotine through their skin while handling tobacco plants. The report was based on interviews with more than 140 children working on farms in North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, where a majority of the country's tobacco is grown.

"Children working in tobacco are among the nation's most vulnerable and we must do more to protect them," wrote the lawmakers, who called the Human Rights Watch report "deeply troubling."

The Labor Department declined comment. Some of the large tobacco companies, such as Altria Group Inc. and Philip Morris International Inc., also didn't respond to requests for comment Tuesday. In May, Philip Morris International CEO Andre Calantzopoulos said the Human Rights Watch report had uncovered "serious child labor abuses that should not occur on any farm, anywhere."

# Asia

## India successfully puts spacecraft in Mars' orbit

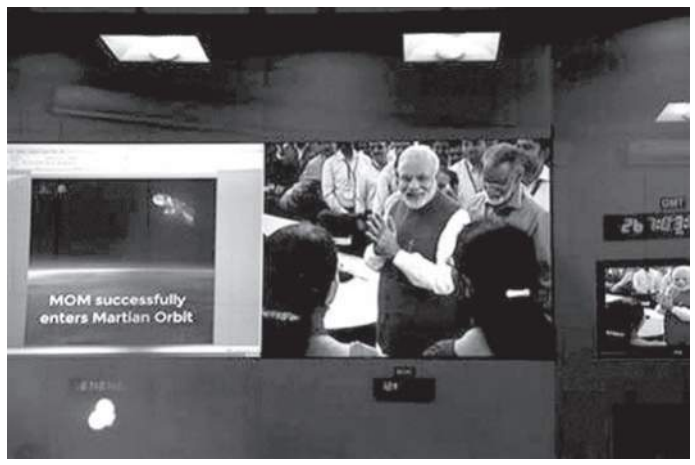
**NEW DELHI** (AP)—India triumphed in its first interplanetary mission, placing a satellite into orbit around Mars on Wednesday morning and catapulting the country into an elite club of deep-space explorers.

Scientists broke into wild cheers as the orbiter's engines completed 24 minutes of burn time to maneuver the spacecraft into its designated place around the red planet.

"We have gone beyond the boundaries of human enterprise and innovation," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, standing alongside scientists with the Indian Space and Research Organisation at the command center in the southern tech hub of Bangalore.

"We have navigated our craft through a route known to very few," Modi said, congratulating the scientists and "all my fellow Indians on this historic occasion."

Scientists described the final stages of the Mars Orbiter Mission, affectionately nicknamed MOM, as flawless. The success marks a milestone for the space program in demonstrating that it can conduct complex missions and act as a global launch pad for commercial, navigational and research satellites.




AP

Screens show Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeting Indian Space Research Organisation scientists and other officials after the success of Mars Orbiter Mission at their Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network complex in Bangalore, India, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014.

It's also a major feat for the developing country of 1.2 billion people, most of whom are poor. At the same time, India has a robust scientific and technical educational system that has produced millions of software programmers, engineers and doctors, propelling many into the middle class.

Getting a spaceship successfully into orbit around Mars is no easy task. More than half the world's previous attempts—23 out of 41 missions—have failed, including one by Japan in 1999.

## PH leader questions intent of China ships

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III said Tuesday his nation will stick up for its territorial rights in the disputed South China Sea and voiced concern that a recent mission by two Chinese survey ships could presage an attempt to drill for oil there.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Aquino said that all nations that ply the South China Sea, a major conduit for world trade, should also be concerned about intimidatory behavior by China, which claims most of resource-rich waters for itself.

Philippines, a treaty U.S. ally, has riled China by challenging its expansive maritime claims at an international tribunal. The leader of the outgunned Southeast Asian nation hoped that a ruling could clarify the legality of China's claims and could serve to "level the playing field" and reduce tensions.

Although it's a signatory the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, like the Philippines, China refuses to answer the case, maintaining the tribunal lacks the adequate jurisdiction. A lawyer representing the Philippines has said a ruling is not expected before early 2016.

Speaking on the sidelines of a gathering of world leaders at the United Nations, Aquino showed images of what he said was land reclamation by China off the Johnson Reef within the Philippines' 200-mile exclusive economic zone, or EEZ, over the past two years.

In another area, known as Reed Bank, which lies about 80 miles from the southern Philippine island of Palawan, Aquino said China had sent two hydrographic ships in June.

He said the Philippines was uncertain of their purpose, but wondered if China was planning to dispatch an oil rig that was sent earlier this year to waters claimed by Vietnam, causing a spike in tensions. He said perhaps China was just mapping terrain for its submarines.

"What is clear is that there were two ships which were performing certain measurements in this feature which is part of the Philippines EEZ," said Aquino. The Philippines said last month it was making a diplomatic protest to China.

China's mission at the U.N. did not immediately respond Tuesday to a request for comment.

China says its South China Sea claims have a historical basis. Along with the Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia and Taiwan, it has been contesting ownership of mostly barren islands, islets, reefs and surrounding waters there for decades. But as its economic and military power has grown, China has acted with growing brio, declaring administrative oversight of disputed areas and control of fisheries.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Jeep veers off mountain road in Nepal; 11 dead

**KATMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—A jeep veered off a mountainous road in western Nepal on Tuesday, killing 11 people, police said. The jeep rolled about 200 meters (650 feet) down a steep hill before it was stopped by trees. Police and local villagers had difficulty reaching the wreckage because of the sharp slope. There were no signs of any survivors. Road accidents in Nepal are often caused by poorly maintained vehicles and roads. This week is the beginning of the Hindu Dasain festival, celebrated over two weeks, when many people return to their villages, increasing the number of travelers. Drivers often pack their vehicles beyond capacity.

### Indian zoo: Tiger kills man who climbed into moat

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—A white tiger killed a young man who climbed over a fence at the New Delhi zoo and jumped into the animal's enclosure Tuesday, a spokesman said. Despite repeated warnings that he shouldn't get too close to the outdoor enclosure, the man eventually climbed over a knee-high fence, through some small hedges, then jumped down 18 feet into a protective moat, said National Zoological Park spokesman Riyaz Ahmed Khan. The male tiger, which lives on a grassy tree-filled island, grabbed the man from the moat. Footage broadcast on NDTV showed the tiger carrying the man around the island. Authorities eventually frightened the tiger into a small cage inside the enclosure. The man, whose body remained in the outdoor enclosure two hours after the attack, was dead by the time help reached him, Khan said.

# World

## Airstrikes in Syria and Iraq are just the start

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The one-two-three punch of American and Arab airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq was just the beginning, President Barack Obama and other leaders declared Tuesday. They promised a sustained campaign showcasing a rare U.S.-Arab partnership aimed at Muslim extremists.

At the same time, in fresh evidence of how the terrorist threat continues to expand and mutate, the U.S. on its own struck a new al-Qaida cell that the Pentagon said was "nearing the execution phase" of a direct attack on the U.S. or Europe.

"This is not America's fight alone," Obama said of the military campaign against the Islamic State group. "We're going to do what's necessary to take the fight to this terrorist group, for the security of the country and the region and for the entire world."

Obama said the U.S. was "proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder" with Arab partners, and he called the roll: Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Bahrain and Qatar. Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon's press secretary, said four of the five had participated in the strikes, with Qatar playing a supporting role.

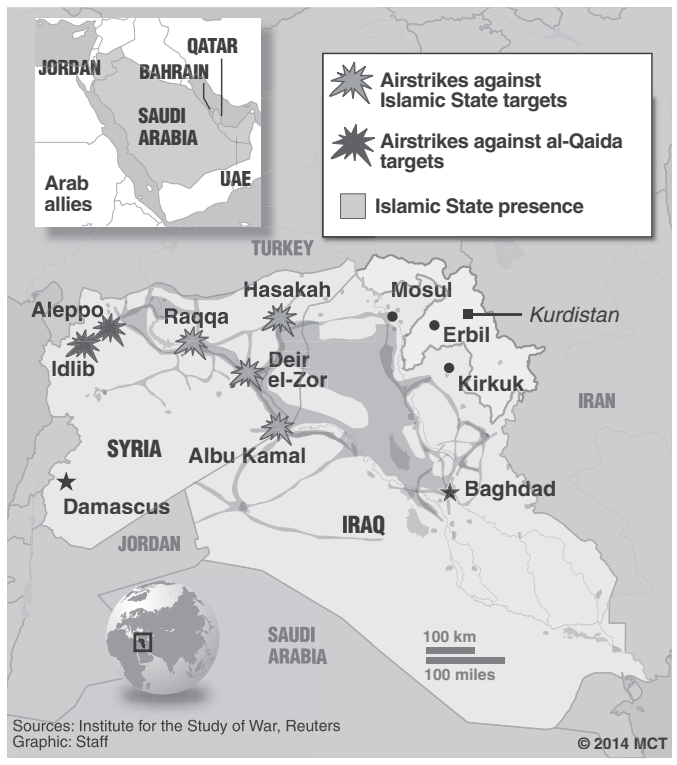
U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Turkey, too, is joining the coalition against the Islamic State group and "will be very engaged on the front lines of this effort." Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in New York for U.N. meetings, said he was considering expanding support of NATO operations against the Islamic State to include military involvement.

In all, Kerry said, more than 50 nations are allied in the fight.

It was a measure of the gravity of the threat and the complex politics of the problem that Syrian President Bashar Assad gave an indirect nod of approval to the airstrikes in his own country, saying he supported "any international anti-terrorism effort." There has been concern among U.S. officials that any strikes against militants fighting Assad could be seen as inadvertently helping the leader whom Obama wants to see ousted from power.

### Airstrike campaign begins

*The United States and Arab allies bombed Syria for the first time on Tuesday, killing dozens of Islamic State fighters. Separately, U.S. forces acting alone launched strikes in another area of Syria against an al-Qaida-linked group, the Nusra Front.*

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## World leaders meet with multiple crises on agenda

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—Facing a world in turmoil from multiple crises ranging from wars in the Mideast and Africa to the deadly scourge of Ebola and growing Islamic radicalism, leaders from more than 140 countries open their annual meeting at the United Nations on Wednesday with few solutions.

The issue certain to top the agenda is the threat from Islamic terrorists intent on erasing borders, with the first U.S. and Arab airstrikes in Syria delivered Monday night in response.

Many diplomats hope that crisis won't drown out the plight of millions of civilians caught in conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ukraine and Gaza; the misery of the largest number of refugees since World War II; and global support for new U.N. goals to fight poverty and address climate change.

Looking at the array of complex challenges, Norway's Foreign Minister Borge Brende told The Associated Press: "It's unprecedented in decades, that's for sure."

He pointed to an unprecedented situation in which the U.N. and international donors are confronting four top-level humanitarian crises at the same time in Iraq, Central African Republic, South Sudan and Syria, which is now in the fourth year of a civil war which the U.N. says has killed more than 190,000 people

## Vatican puts ex-Dominican envoy under house arrest

**VATICAN CITY** (AP)—The Vatican put its former ambassador to the Dominican Republic under house arrest Tuesday after opening a criminal trial against him, the first time a high-ranking Vatican official has ever faced criminal charges for sexually abusing youngsters.

Josef Wesolowski had already been defrocked in June after the Vatican's canon law court found him guilty of abuse and imposed its toughest penalty under church law: laicization, or returning to life as a layman.

On Tuesday, the Vatican City State's separate criminal court opened a preliminary hearing into his case and ordered him placed under house arrest.

A Vatican statement said Wesolowski presented medical documentation detailing health concerns that presumably prevented a more restrictive type of detention. The Vatican has a few small detention rooms inside its police barracks, but no long-term facilities.

The Holy See recalled the Polish-born Wesolowski in August, 2013 after the archbishop of Santo Domingo told Pope Francis about rumors that Wesolowski had sexually abused teenage boys in the Caribbean country. Prosecutors there say he allegedly paid boys to masturbate.

Dominican authorities opened an investigation, but declined initially to press charges since the Vatican had said Wesolowski enjoyed diplomatic immunity. Polish prosecutors as well opened an investigation.

# Focus

# Obama urges world to follow US lead on climate

By DINA CAPPIELLO and SETH BORENSTEIN
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**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—In the first international test for his climate-change strategy, President Barack Obama pressed world leaders Tuesday to follow the United States' lead on the issue, even as a United Nations summit revealed the many obstacles that still stand in the way of wider agreements to reduce heat-trapping pollution.

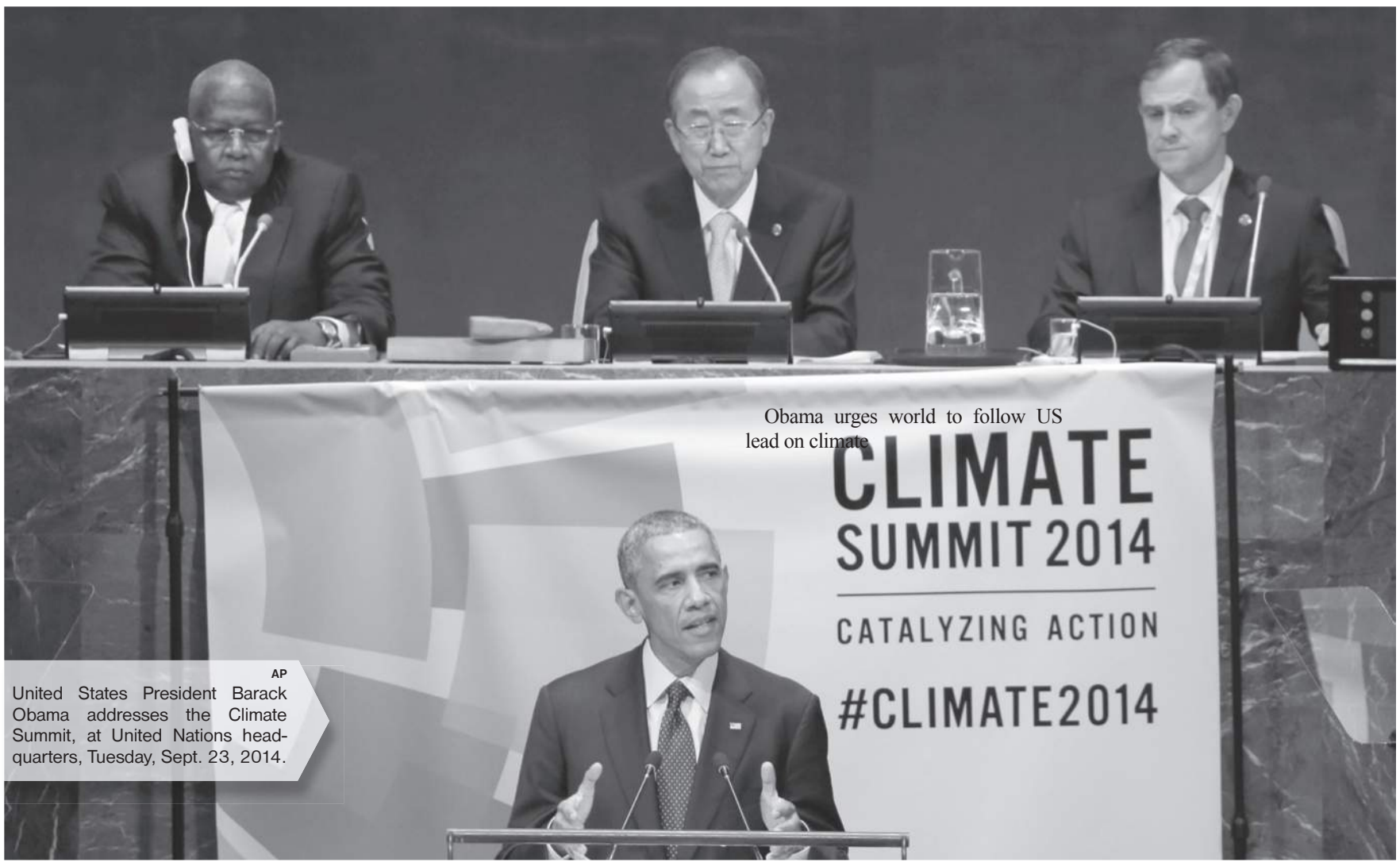
"The United States has made ambitious investments in clean energy and ambitious reductions in our carbon emissions," Obama said. "Today I call on all countries to join us, not next year or the year after that, but right now. Because no nation can meet this global threat alone."

But none of the pledges made at Tuesday's one-day meeting was binding. The largest-ever gathering of world leaders to discuss climate was designed to lay the groundwork for a new global climate-change treaty. It also revealed the sharp differences that divide countries on matters such as deforestation, carbon pollution and methane leaks from oil and gas production:

■ Brazil, home to the Amazon rainforest, said it would not sign a pledge to halt deforestation by 2030.

■ The United States decided not to join 73 countries in supporting a price on carbon, which Congress has indicated it would reject.

■ And minutes after Obama said "nobody gets a pass," Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli insisted the world treat developing nations, including China, differently than developed nations, allowing them to release more heat-trapping pollution. China, the No. 1 carbon-polluting nation, signed on in support of pricing carbon and vowed to stop the rise of carbon-dioxide emissions as soon as possible.




Obama urges world to follow US lead on climate

AP
United States President Barack Obama addresses the Climate Summit, at United Nations headquarters, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014.

"Today we must set the world on a new course," said United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, who added that pricing carbon was critical. "Climate change is the defining issue of our age. It is defining our present. Our response will define our future."

In some ways, the summit, which was part of the annual U.N. General Assembly, answered that call.

The European Union said its member nations next month were set to approve a plan that would cut greenhouse gases back to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. The EU also called for using renewable energy for 27 percent of the bloc's power needs and increasing energy efficiency by 30 percent.

The United States will not release its new emissions targets until early next year.

"There were not that many surprises," said Connie Hedegaard, the top climate official for the European Commission, referring to Obama's speech.

Hedegaard said the first-ever limits on carbon from power plants, proposed by Obama back in June, were "a good signal to send, but after today we will still have to wait until first quarter of 2015 to see how ambitious the United States will be."

By 2020, China will reduce its emissions per gross domestic product by 45 percent from 2005 levels, Zhang said. But because economic growth in China has more than tripled since 2005, that means Chinese carbon pollution can continue to soar. Still, outside environmentalists hailed the country's promises because they went beyond any of China's previous statements.

More than 150 countries set the first-ever deadline to end deforestation by 2030, but that goal was thrown into doubt when Brazil said it would not join. Forests are important because they absorb the main greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide. The United States, Canada and the entire European Union signed onto a declaration to halve forest loss by 2020 and eliminate deforestation entirely by 2030.

If the forest goal is met, the U.N. says it would be the equivalent of taking every car in the world off the road. A group of companies, countries and nonprofits also pledged to restore more than 1 million square miles of forest worldwide by 2030. Norway promised to spend $350 million to protect forests in Peru and another $100 million in Liberia.

World leaders pledged to spend at least $5 billion making the world more sustainable. France promised $1 billion. Korea pledged $100 million. Others, like Chile, pledged cuts in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

A 2009 agreement called the Copenhagen Accord called for developed countries to contribute $10 billion a year in 2010 and scale it up to $100 billion a year by 2020 to help developing countries cut emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro chastised "polluting powers" for causing an "evil of such planetary dimensions" and then trying to barter their way out of their responsibilities.

Seychelles President James Michel called small island nations like his "victims of this pollution" and said it was up to the countries that burn the most coal, oil and gas to do the most.

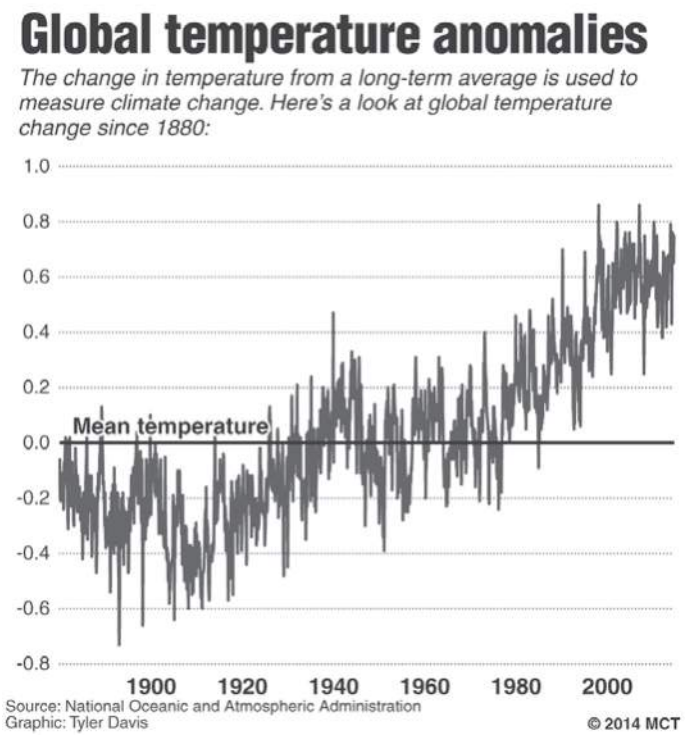
"If they don't do something, the Earth will not survive, and that will be the end of us all," Michel said in an interview before the start of the summit.

Ban, actor Leonardo DiCaprio, former U.S. Vice President Al Gore and scientist Rajendra K. Pachauri warned that time was short. By 2020, Ban said, the world must reduce greenhouse gases to prevent an escalating level of warming. Five years ago, leaders pledged to keep world temperatures from increasing by another 2 degrees Fahrenheit (3.6 degrees Celsius).

Pachauri, who headed a Nobel Prize-winning panel of scientists that studied the issue, and Ban told world leaders the effects of global warming are already here, pointing to a U.N. building that flooded during the devastating Superstorm Sandy in 2012. Pachauri said it will get worse with droughts, storms and food and water shortages. He foresaw even more violent climate-driven conflicts.

And, Pachauri said, "a steady rise in our death toll, especially among the world's poorest. How on Earth can we leave our children with a world like this?"

AP
Traffic moves at dusk in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon is challenging more than 100 world leaders at a climate summit to set a new course for a warming world and reverse the rise of heat-trapping gases



# Environment

# Ridding gardens of pests without using pesticides

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Pesticides are generally just not good. They kill beneficial bugs as well as bad bugs, and adversely impact our environment, especially bee and butterfly populations, according to experts.

Most of the United States, including here in Virginia, is experiencing dramatic losses in honey bees, according to a news release from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Nationally, over last winter (between October 2013 and April 2014), 23.2 percent of managed honey bee colonies died, according to the 8th annual national survey of honey bee colony losses conducted by the Bee Informed Partnership.

"Scientists believe that those losses are likely caused by a combination of multiple stressors, including poor bee nutrition, loss of forage lands, parasites, pathogens and exposure to pesticides," says Jeffrey Rogers, environmental program planner with the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

In farming parts of the country, weed-controlling chemicals are eradicating much of the native milkweed that monarch butterfly caterpillars rely on. Homeowners, with the help of Monarch Watch at www.monarchwatch.org , are doing their best to help monarchs by planting milkweed in backyard habitats. This year's milkweed efforts look promising, according to recent reports about increased numbers of monarchs showing up in late summer gardens.

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This unwanted material was cleaned out of a pesticide storage building at a golf course, and had been in storage for more years than the current superintendent knew, according to pesticide disposal officials in Virginia.

Since 1990, Virginia has taken steps to reduce the use and abuse of pesticides—the generic term for insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides—by sponsoring state collections and dispensing educational information on the prudent use of garden chemicals. Since its inception, Virginia's Pesticide Disposal Program has collected and destroyed more than 1.2 million pounds of outdated and unwanted pesticides, according to a news release.

If you feel compelled to use a pesticide, follow the instructions for use, cautions Rogers. The pesticide label is the law, he stresses. Failure to follow the directions could constitute violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, which is the federal pesticide law, as well as the Virginia Pesticide Control Act. Both the federal and Virginia pesticide laws provide for civil or criminal penalties for violations.

What are the risks of not reading and following the label? Using the wrong formula can cause personal injury or environmental contamination, but also possibly result in restrictions on the use of a chemical, cautions Rogers. For example, he says, in 2013, an estimated 50,000 bumblebees were killed in Wilsonville, Ore., after a commercial pesticide applicator treated blooming linden trees with an insecticide in an effort to control aphids. That incident prompted Oregon officials to prohibit the use of certain insecticides.

Two more recent incidents of large bee deaths also in Oregon prompted officials in that state to prohibit the application of certain products to linden, basswood and other trees of Tilia species, he adds.

"By using pesticides according to the label, pest control professionals and homeowners can reduce the potential for a similar incident occurring," he says.

## Pesticide alternatives

In the home and yard, pests can include anything and everything from aphids and squash bugs to flies and mosquitoes—spiders and stink bugs, too. Before you grab a container of powerful pesticide, consider alternative ways of dealing with them.

Horticultural oils work well on soft-bodied pests, and do not pose problems to bees unless they are sprayed directly on them, according to local beekeepers. Weeds can easily be hand pulled in the yard and garden, or vinegar- and salt-mixed-with water sprays used on them.

Indoors, bothersome stink bugs and beneficial ladybugs can be vacuumed up and deposited outdoors.

In Virginia's King and Queen County, Karen Hinson Mumaw uses a diluted spray mixture of Dawn dish liquid on squash.

"This is the first year my harvest wasn't ruined by squash beetles," she writes through my Facebook page.

"It must be used as a preventative, though. Once you see the little buggers, it's usually too late. You must keep up with it—spray about once a week as soon as the plants get large leaves."

In Yorktown, Va., the mosquito control division promotes mosquito-repellent gardening, targeting small areas, such as patios.

"We're encouraging people to add plants—lavender, basil, bee balm—that have been shown to repel mosquitoes," says Leah Aguilar, operations superintendent. A full list with descriptions and tips is found at www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol .

"This winter, we are going to try to make some sample mosquito repellents from these plants so that we can teach the citizens how to do this if they want.," she said. "Additionally, we are studying Native American ethno botany to see how plants were used historically and how we may be able to incorporate that into our efforts today."

## *Integrated Pest Management tips*

IPM is a holistic approach to pest management, with chemical controls being one of the many tools available, says Dan Nortman, Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Yorktown.

"With an IPM approach, you monitor your yard for pests, ID them, and make sure that they are truly a pest of concern," he says. "If they are a pest of concern, then you should find alternative controls, using pesticides as a last resort."

Controls and tips for pesticides, he says, include:

■ More is not always better. When using concentrates, do not add more to the dilution to "get a better kill." There's a reason for the recommended rates, and disobeying them is not only a violation of federal law, but can have unintended consequences for you, your family, plants in your yard and the environment.

■ Follow label directions for timing. Some pest biology is very complex, and when and where to spray is very important. The label often gives timing for some pests, but if you have additional questions, call your local extension office.

■ Make sure you ID your pests.

■ Practice good sanitation. Pick bad bugs off plants when you see them, use proper pruning techniques, clean up diseased leaves, and control weeds before they go to seed

■ For insect pests in particular, look for bio control. Many pests are controlled by naturally occurring predators, so look for good guys before you spray.

■ Pay attention to the active ingredients in the pesticides you use. Many products from different companies have the same or similar active ingredients; if a pesticide doesn't work for you, instead of buying another product, look for another active ingredient.

■ When you buy pesticides, buy only what you need. It's easier to go to the store and get more than it is to properly store or dispose of old pesticides.

■ Diversity is key! Having different plants makes the impact less if one plant species is killed by insect or disease. An example would be when building a screen. Relying on one plant for a screen between yards sets yourself up for disappointment when that plant fails and you lose your entire screen in a few seasons. Plant diversity also brings in good insects, and reduces the ability of certain pests to build up over time. ***(Kathy Van Mullekom/Daily Press)***

# Study: Natural forces have caused West Coast warming

By CRAIG WELCH
THE SEATTLE TIMES

A well-documented rise in temperatures along the U.S. West Coast during the past century is almost entirely the result of natural forces—not human emissions of greenhouse gases, according to a major new study released Monday.

The vast majority of coastal temperature increases since 1900 are the result of changes in winds over the eastern Pacific Ocean, the authors found. But they could find no evidence that those weather patterns were themselves being influenced by the human burning of fossil fuels.

"It's a simple story, but the results are very surprising: We do not see a human hand in the warming of the West Coast," said co-author Nate Mantua, with NOAA Fisheries Southwest Fisheries Science Center. "That is taking people by surprise, and may generate some blowback."

Mantua and co-author Jim Johnstone, both formerly with the University of Washington, published their findings in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Since the ocean is the biggest driver of temperature changes along the coast, the authors tracked land and sea surface temperatures there going back 113 years. They found that virtually all of the roughly 1 degree Celsius average temperature increase could be explained by changes in air circulation.

"It was a bit of an eye-opener to see that there doesn't appear to be any unexplained warming," Johnstone said. "The winds have changed in a manner that explains virtually all of the coastal ocean warming. The winds appear to decide it all."

Both authors were quick to point out that their study does not in any way refute that temperatures globally are on the rise or that humans are responsible for that trend.

"This doesn't say that global warming is not happening," Mantua said. "It doesn't say human-caused climate change isn't happening globally. It's a regional story."

But it does show that when it comes to coastal temperature increases in a dynamic region like the Pacific Northwest, natural variability—thus far—has been the dominant factor.

And it also raises questions about how helpful current climate-simulation models are when it comes to predicting what kind of change global warming will bring to specific regions.

"There's been so much pressure to get local and regional climate information, because that's where people live and plan and experience the climate," Mantua said. "But this raises some questions about whether the models are capturing the connection between human-caused changes and natural variability well enough to interpret these local and regional records."

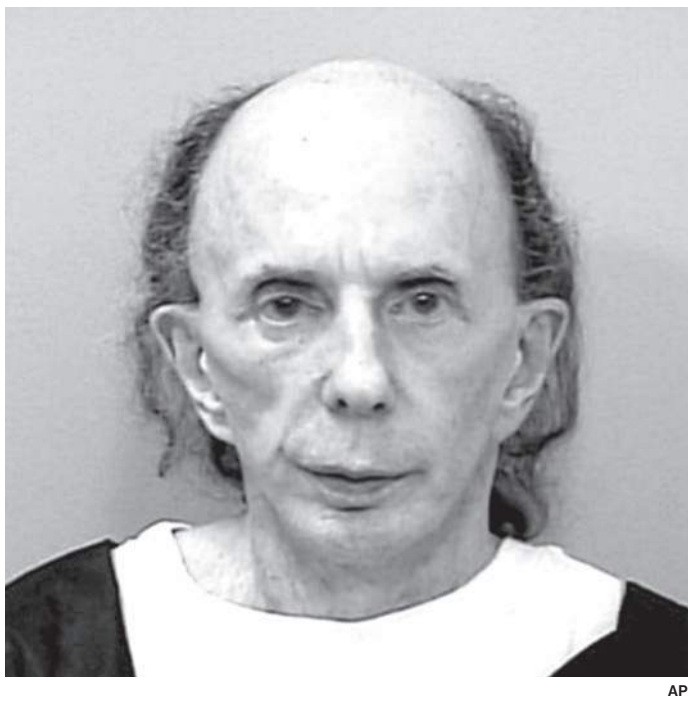
Guillaume Mauger, a UW climate scientist, said the study offered significant insight into the past, but didn't alter the fact that climate change eventually will be a driving force in temperature increases in the West.

"It's definitely an important piece, but I wouldn't say it's a fundamental shift away from what we've been saying," Mauger said.

Amy Snover, head of UW's Climate Impacts Group, said she agreed that the paper does show that there are aspects of regional climate that models don't yet capture well enough.

But, she added, "Please don't interpret this to mean that humans have not influenced climate and are not continuing to. Climate change has been set in motion by greenhouse gas emissions. This doesn't change any of that understanding."

# Life & Style



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In this Oct. 28, 2013 photo provided by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, shows former music producer Phil Spector at the Health Care Facility in Stockton, Calif.

## New photos show toll of age, prison on pop legend

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Two newly released photos of Phil Spector show the toll of age and prison on the once flamboyant music legend.

The most recent photo shows a bald, somber-looking 73-year-old Spector staring straight into the camera on Oct. 28, 2013. An earlier photo of a smiling Spector is dated July 24, 2013.

California Department of Corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton said Tuesday that the October photo was taken when Spector was moved to the prison system's huge California Heath Care Facility in Stockton. The facility provides medical and mental health care to the state's sickest inmates, including those with chronic conditions.

Thornton said she couldn't reveal details of Spector's health because of state medical privacy regulations. He is serving 19 years to life for the 2003 killing of actress Lana Clarkson.

The legendary music producer revolutionized rock music with his "Wall of Sound" before his genius was eclipsed by decades of bizarre behavior that culminated in his conviction for murder. He claimed he was innocent and his defense team argued that Clarkson, despondent over a fading acting career, killed herself at his castle-like home.

His appearance in bizarre wigs at his trials and testimony about violent behavior tarnished his reputation as a musical genius who created the "Wall of Sound" that merged beautiful vocal harmonies with lavish orchestral arrangements to produce such pop hits as "Da Doo Ron Ron," "Be My Baby" and "He's a Rebel." His production of the Righteous Brothers' version of "You've Lost that Loving Feeling" remains a classic.

His first jury deadlocked, but a second one found him guilty of second-degree murder in 2009 six years after Clarkson's death. By then, he had married his much-younger wife, Rachelle, who was at his side throughout the trials and continues to live at the mansion and visits him in prison.

## Ex-West Point cadet loses suit vs. LaBelle's staff

**HOUSTON** (AP)—A former West Point cadet has lost a multimillion-dollar lawsuit against members of R&B singer Patti LaBelle's entourage whom he accused of beating him as he waited for a ride outside a Houston airport terminal.

In his lawsuit, Richard King alleged he was attacked without provocation by LaBelle's bodyguard and two others while waiting outside Bush Intercontinental Airport in 2011. King had just arrived in Houston, his hometown, while on spring break from West Point.

After five days of testimony and 10 hours of deliberation, a federal jury in Houston on Tuesday night absolved Zuri Edwards, LaBelle's manager and son; Efrem Holmes, her bodyguard; and Norma Harris, her hairdresser.

LaBelle had been dropped from the suit early in the trial.

John Raley, one of King's lawyers, told jurors that King was minding his own business outside the airport terminal when he was attacked without provocation by the 400-pound Holmes, as well as by Edwards and Harris. Raley said King had to drop out of West Point because of a traumatic brain injury he suffered when he hit his head on a concrete pillar during the attack.

Geoffrey Bracken, one of LaBelle's attorneys, told jurors that King was the aggressor who first punched Edwards. LaBelle's attorneys have said King hurled racial insults at the singer before he attacked her son and that King was told several times to step away from the singer's vehicle after he tried to open a passenger door.

Bracken blamed King's drinking for the incident and suggested that King's career at West Point was ended not by his injuries but by a previous history of poor academic performance. Raley said King had a blood alcohol level of 0.28—more than three times the legal limit for driving—but that King was not driving and was no danger to anyone.

Jurors viewed surveillance video of the brawl.

LaBelle's singing career has spanned more than four decades and includes several hit records and two Grammy Awards.

## Farrell, Vaughn set for 'True Detective' season 2

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Colin Farrell and Vince Vaughn will star in the second season of HBO's "True Detective."

The eight-episode drama series will begin production in California this fall, the premium cable channel said Tuesday.

Farrell will play a compromised detective, Ray, who is divided between his loyalty to his bosses in a corrupt police department and a mobster with a hold over him.

Vince Vaughn co-stars as Frank, a criminal whose move into legitimate business is disrupted by a business partner's murder.

HBO had a critically acclaimed hit with the first season of "True Detective," which starred the Emmy-nominated Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson.

The air date for the second season was not announced.

Season one of "True Detective" paired two actors known primarily for their big-screen work in a twisted, noir-ish tale. McConaughey and Harrelson played former Louisiana State Police detectives interrogated in 2012 about a homicide case they're shown working, in flashback, in 1995.

AP

In this Dec. 9, 2013 file photo, Colin Farrell arrives at the U.S. Premiere of "Saving Mr. Banks" - Arrivals at Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif.

The crime drama provoked some grumbling when it was entered in the Emmy Awards drama series category despite its abbreviated eight-episode run and the likelihood its stars wouldn't return for the next go-around.

"True Detective" ended up losing the best drama Emmy to "Breaking Bad," while McConaughey and Harrelson also failed to grab Emmy gold—although the former, an Oscar winner this year for "Dallas Buyers Club," was seen as the frontrunner.

## Kerry Washington helps launch 'Scandal' collection

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Kerry Washington wants women to look as powerful and put together as her TV persona.

Fashion retailer The Limited has teamed up with the "Scandal" star and the show's costume designer, Lyn Paolo, for a collection inspired by the ABC drama, which premieres its fourth season on Thursday.

Washington appeared at a launch party for the line on Monday, where she said it was important for clothing to be accessible.

"There are women who can literally afford to dress like Olivia Pope, and I don't know how, because those clothes are very, very, very expensive," she said with a laugh.

"There are other people who can't, and there is no reason why only the people who make a certain amount of money should have access to this feminine power in fashion, you know? This line is created so that everybody can find their own inner gladiator. That every woman can be powerful and sexy, brilliant and smart and gorgeous, fashion-forward. You know, it's just there's no limit to who you can be."

There are 42 looks in the Scandal Collection, including tops, jackets, outerwear and, of course, pants, because, as Washington says: "Olivia Pope wears the pants both literally and figuratively."

Last year, Paolo, with Washington's input, created window displays for Saks Fifth Avenue by dressing its mannequins like "Scandal" characters. The displays featured clothing by high-end designers such as Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein, Michael Kors, Donna Karan and Carolina Herrera.

AP

Kerry Washington attends The Limited Collection Inspired by Scandal launch party on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014 in New York.

The 37-year-old actress wasn't as keen to talk about a New York Times article by TV critic Alessandra Stanley, where the writer referred to "Scandal" producer Shonda Rhimes as an "angry black woman." On Monday, the newspaper's public editor called the article "astonishingly tone-deaf and out of touch."

"I really think it's important to focus on all the good things that are going on," she said. "It's such an honor to be a part of an historic Thursday-night lineup and to be in one of her three shows, to be part of her magical (production company), Shondaland."

Rhimes is also the producer of "How to Get Away With Murder" and "Grey's Anatomy."

# Sculpture of end-of-WWII kiss lands in Normandy

**CAEN, France** (AP)—A sculpture honoring a photograph of a kiss in Times Square that captured New York's celebration as World War II ended has gone up in Normandy for a one-year visit.

Cranes and construction crews in the French city of Caen on Tuesday hoisted and locked together pieces of "Unconditional Surrender," an 8-meter (25-foot) cast-bronze sculpture in color of a sailor and a nurse in a lip-locked embrace.

The sculpture by Seward Johnson is based on a U.S. Navy photographer's black-and-white snapshot taken Aug. 15, 1945, according to the Sculpture Foundation, a U.S.-based nonprofit that owns the work. It also resembles a famous photo taken by Life magazine's Alfred Eisenstaedt on that day.

The sculpture is to spend a year outside the Caen Memorial, a museum focusing on World War II.

AP

Workers hoist and lock together pieces of "Unconditional Surrender," an 8-meter (25-foot) cast-bronze sculpture in color of a sailor and a nurse in lip-locked embrace, outside the Caen Memorial in Normandy, France, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014.

# Leonardo restoration shows new detail, color

**FLORENCE, Italy** (AP)—An ongoing restoration of one of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous works, "Adoration of the Magi," has revealed new details and colors in the painting and in Leonardo's techniques—and confirmed that others helped paint it.

Leonardo began the large-scale work in 1481 but left it unfinished after he was transferred from Florence to Milan.

Florence's Uffizi Gallery shelved plans in 2002 to restore it after tests showed it was in good health. But by 2011 restoration became necessary.

Officials on Tuesday released findings of the first phase of the restoration, which is scheduled to be completed in 2015. They said the initial removal of grime showed new details and color in the work and gave insight into Leonardo's techniques, but also made clear that other artists were involved.

# Bob Dylan named 2015 MusiCares person of the year

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Bob Dylan will be honored as the 2015 MusiCares person of the year.

A Tuesday news release says the 10-time Grammy-winning singer-songwriter will be honored at the foundation's 25th anniversary tribute Feb. 6 in Los Angeles, two days before the Grammys.

Norah Jones; Neil Young; Willie Nelson; Crosby, Stills and Nash; Bonnie Raitt; Eddie Vedder; John Mellencamp; Los Lobos; and Jack White are among the musicians signed up to salute Dylan with versions of his songs at the annual event to benefit The Recording Academy's charitable foundation.

The 73-year-old Dylan helped rewrite rock `n' roll's DNA with songs such as "Blowin' in the Wind" and "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

Recent honorees include Young, Carole King, Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney.

# Bestselling book banned from middle schools

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** (AP)—The bestselling book "The Fault in Our Stars," narrated by a 16-year-old cancer patient, has been banned from Riverside Unified School District middle schools over sexual content, but it is still allowed in high schools.

The Riverside Press-Enterprise reports that a district committee voted Monday to ban the 2012 novel by John Green that was made into a movie starring Shailene Woodley.

The newspaper says parent Karen Krueger challenged the book at Frank Augustus Miller Middle School over the sex and crude language in the love story involving terminally ill teens.

The committee voted 6 to 1 to pull the novel from the middle school and not allow others to buy or accept the book as a donation. Committee chairwoman Christine Allen says the book will be allowed at high schools.

# Famed violinist to play again at subway station

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Joshua Bell wants a do-over in Washington.

The Grammy-winning violinist played for spare change in a subway station during a 2007 experiment with The Washington Post, and almost no one paid attention. It made for a good magazine story that won the Pulitzer Prize. But Bell hasn't been able to live it down after seven years.

Now, Bell tells the Post he is planning another public performance in the main hall at Washington's Union Station. And he hopes to have an audience this time. The performance is set for Sept. 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Bell says the goal is to promote music education. He will be accompanied by nine students he mentored. He also has a new album debuting the same day and an upcoming television special.

AP

In this July 17, 2010 file photo, violinist Joshua Bell plays his Stradivarius violin from 1713 at the Far Niente winery during its 125th anniversary celebration in Oakville, Calif.

# Illusion of perfect marriage is shattered by man's discovery

**DEAR ABBY:** I always thought that "Lana," my wife of 14 years, and I had the perfect marriage. When I discovered she was having an affair, it hit me like a train wreck. After many weeks of trying to discover who she really is, I found out she has had several affairs throughout our marriage.

I still love my wife and feel I could forgive her and regain my trust in her. The problem is, she says she is trying to recover from her actions, so she can no longer hear about my problems or respond to any of my questions.

Lana is now saying I need to see someone to discuss our issues with. We are already seeing a marriage counselor, but I suspect he is too connected to us as a couple. What do you think?

LOST IN LIMBO

**DEAR IN LIMBO: I think the marriage counselor should have made clear to you and your wife that in order for trust to be rebuilt it takes LOTS of dialogue and listening on the part of both spouses. And painful as it may be for Lana, she owes you the answers to your questions.**

**That said, I think she is correct in suggesting you talk to someone individually. With the help of a licensed psychotherapist—someone who is there JUST FOR YOU—you may be able to rationally decide whether your wife is capable of being the person you assumed she was, and if staying married to her is the best thing for you.**

■■■

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother died a few years ago after a prolonged illness. My father has found a new lady ("Colette") to share his life, and they are now engaged.

My problem is my sisters. We are all adults with families of our own. They don't like Colette at all. They are rude to her and behave like spoiled children. Colette is very different from Mom, but our family has always been open-minded and taken pride in our conviction that "normal" is just a setting on the dryer.

Colette isn't after Dad's money, nor is she forcing her way into our lives. She's also not trying to replace Mom. It appears she genuinely cares for our dad, which I can understand. He's a good man, smart, attractive and fun to be with.

Dad is happy as a clam. He's enjoying life and has lots more life to live. The only thing that mars his happiness is my sisters' attitudes. What can I do to help them? I don't want to be too harsh because I know they are still grieving, but I hate to see them drive a wedge into what remains of our family.

JOY IN TEXAS

**DEAR JOY: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. Perhaps you should remind your sisters how grateful they should be that your father has been able to find happiness after losing your mother. Not all widowers are able to do that. Stress that his desire to remarry is a tribute to the relationship he had with your mother, because men who had unfulfilling marriages usually don't want to commit again.**

**Point out that they have nothing to gain by alienating Colette and a lot to lose, because the more they treat her with disrespect, the farther away they will drive her—and your dad. Then suggest that if they can't resolve their grief, they join a support group or consult a therapist for help.**

## DEAR ABBY

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# Pastimes

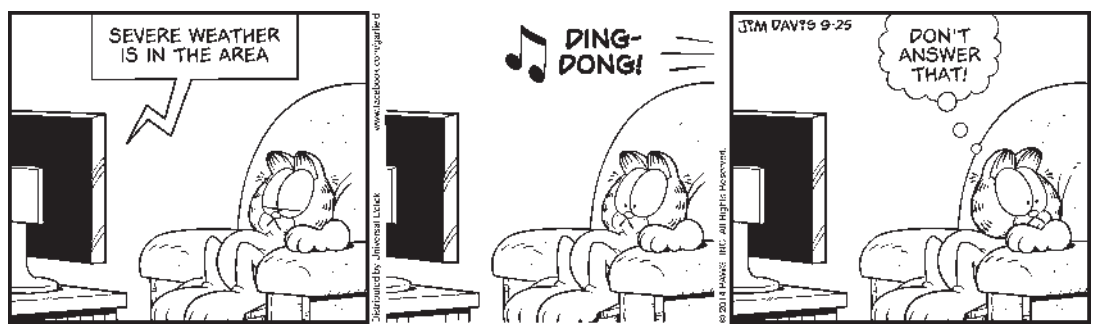
## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HOW CAN OUR TIME BE UP?! I JUST DID THE FIRST PROBLEM ON THIS QUIZ! WHERE DID THE TIME GO?!
GUESS! GUESS! PICK RANDOM NUMBERS! MAYBE A FEW WILL BE RIGHT BY SHEER LUCK! 15! 104! 3.27!
HAND IT IN, CALVIN. YOUR TIME'S UP.
SIGHHHH
DON'T FORGET WE HAVE A BET ON WHO GETS THE HIGHER GRADE.
THE BETS OFF! I DON'T GAMBLE! NO BETS!

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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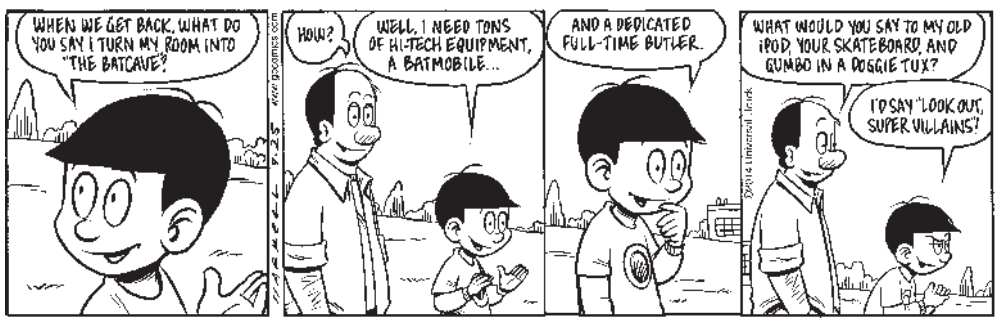
By Bryan Basset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HOW?
WELL, I NEED TONS OF HI-TECH EQUIPMENT, A BATMOBILE...
AND A DEDICATED FULL-TIME BUTLER.
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO MY OLD iPOD, YOUR SKATEBOARD, AND GUMBO IN A DOGGIE TUX?
I'D SAY "LOOK OUT, SUPER VILLAINS!"

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

So You're Telling Me You'll Replace My Broken Fridge?
Of Course! Anything To Make Our Customers Happy.
I'll Just Transfer You Over To Judy, Who Will Complete The Process.
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New Fridge? HA! In Your Dreams, Loser!!
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## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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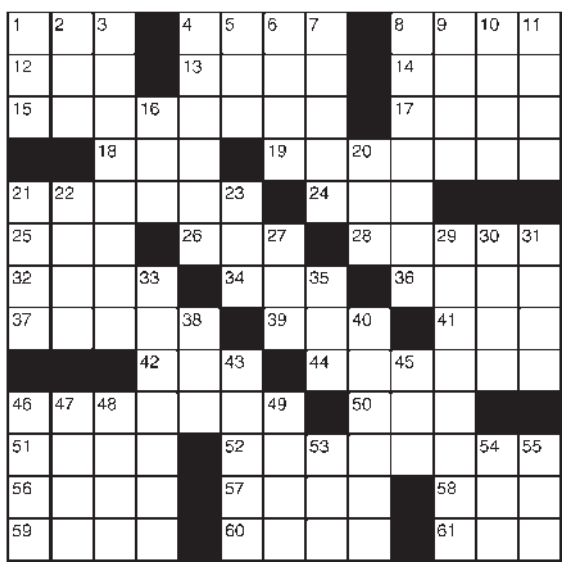

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**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Take it upon yourself to make a direct connection to someone who can help you reach your goals. High energy, effort and a charismatic approach to whatever you do will draw a crowd and ensure that you reach your destination in style. ✪✪✪✪

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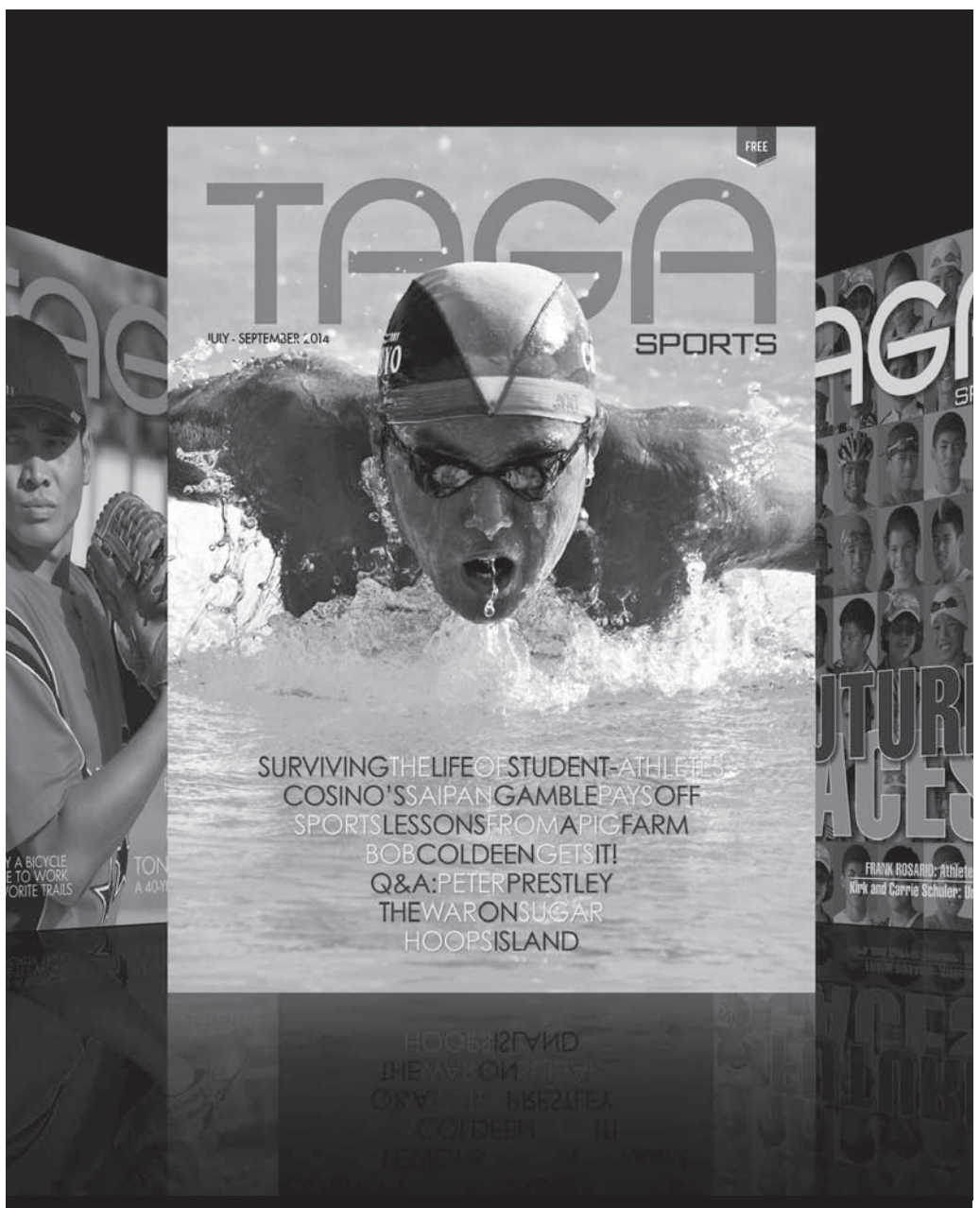


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# Pirates clinch playoff spot, beat Braves, 3-2

**ATLANTA** (AP)— Gerrit Cole retired the final 17 hitters he faced, and the surging Pittsburgh Pirates clinched a spot in the playoffs with a 3-2 win over the free-falling Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

The Pirates' win combined with Milwaukee's loss to Cincinnati assured Pittsburgh of no worse than an NL wild card. The Pirates wrapped up their berth exactly one year after clinching a place in the 2013 playoffs.

They reacted to the final out on Tuesday with little emotion. The Pirates exchanged high-fives in a line on the field before sharing hugs in front of their dugout.

Starling Marte gave Pittsburgh the lead with a sixth-inning double. The Pirates, who are still chasing St. Louis for the NL Central title, have won 11 of 13.

AP

Pittsburgh Pirates first base coach Rick Sofield celebrates in the locker room after the Pirates defeated the Atlanta Braves 3-2 in a baseball game to clinch a playoff berth, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, in Atlanta.

### Royals 7, Indians 1

In Cleveland, rookie Yordano Ventura blanked Cleveland's punchless offense for seven innings as the Kansas City Royals kept pressure on first-place Detroit in the AL Central with a win over the Indians.

The hard-throwing Ventura (14-10) allowed four singles and threw a 100 mph fastball on his 104th pitch.

Salvador Perez's two-out, two-run double off Danny Salazar (6-8) put the Royals ahead 5-0 in the fifth and they turned their attention to the left-field scoreboard to monitor the Tigers' score. Kansas City entered one game out of first and with a grasp on one of the league's two wild-card spots.

The Royals are closing in on their first postseason appearance since 1985, when they won their only World Series title.

At 86-71, Kansas City matched its win total from last season. It's the first time the Royals have had consecutive seasons with at least 86 victories since 1977-78.

### Dodgers 4, Giants 2

In Los Angeles, Justin Turner homered twice and Matt Kemp had a two-run shot in a testy first inning, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the second-place Giants to stretch their NL West lead to 4 1/2 games.

The Giants' seventh loss in 10 games kept them from clinching a playoff berth after Milwaukee lost at Cincinnati.

The Dodgers can win the division title behind ace Clayton Kershaw with a victory in the series finale Wednesday night.

The game got off to a rocky start when both benches and bullpens emptied after left-hander Madison Bumgarner hit Dodgers star Yasiel Puig in the left foot with a pitch. No punches were thrown and order was soon restored.

### Angels 2, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., Gordon Beckham homered and the Angels dropped the Athletics into a tie for the top AL wild card.

Sonny Gray whiffed Mike Trout three times among his career-best 12 strikeouts, one month to the day after Jon Lester fanned the Angels slugger three times at the Coliseum. But Gray had nothing to show for it as the Athletics were shut out for the seventh time since Aug. 1.

Oakland and Kansas City are tied for the two wild-card spots at 86-71, three games ahead of Seattle with five to play. The Royals beat Cleveland 7-1 earlier in the night and won the season series with Oakland 5-2, giving Kansas City the tiebreaker.

That means if the Royals and A's win the wild cards and finish with identical records, Kansas City would host their one-game playoff next Tuesday.

### Tigers 4, White Sox 3

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth lifted the Tigers to a key victory over the White Sox.

The win kept Detroit a game ahead of Kansas City atop the American League Central and dropped their magic numbers to five for the division and two for the postseason.

Ian Kinsler started the bottom of the ninth by bouncing a single over Conor Gillaspie's head at third, and Jake Petricka (1-6) walked Torii Hunter. Cabrera then lined a single to left, with Kinsler scoring from second.

David Price took a three-hit shutout into the ninth. Adam Eaton singled, Alexei Ramirez doubled and Avisail Garcia hit a two-run single with one out. Paul Konerko singled with two out, moving Garcia to third and Marcus Semien followed with an RBI single.

Joe Nathan (5-4) then came on to get the last out.

### Orioles 5, Yankees 4

In New York, Nelson Cruz hit his major league-leading 40th home run and the Orioles pushed Derek Jeter and the Yankees to the brink of playoff elimination, beating New York.

The Yankees fell five games behind for the second AL wild card with only five games left.

Jeter extended his hitting streak to seven games, but struck out on three pitches with a runner on first to end it. The retiring captain has two more home dates scheduled.

The AL East champion Orioles began the day 2 1/2 games behind the Los Angeles Angels, who played later at Oakland, for the best record in the league and home-field advantage for the entire postseason.

Cruz boosted his career high with a drive into the left-field seats to open the fifth inning, giving him 107 RBIs. He became the sixth Baltimore player to post a 40-homer season, topped by Chris Davis' 53 last year.

### Nationals 4, Mets 2

In Washington, Nationals center fielder Denard Span left in the third inning after making a diving, tumbling catch, and NL East champion Washington went on to a victory over the Mets.

The win boosted the Nationals' push for home-field advantage during the National League playoffs. They began the day three games ahead of the Los Angeles Dodgers for the league's best record with less than a week left in the regular season.

Span is a key player for the Nationals. A strong defensive presence and their leadoff hitter, he entered with the club's highest batting average at .298 and most stolen bases with 31.

The player who replaced him, rookie Michael Taylor, doubled home Washington's first run in the fifth.

### Blue Jays 10, Mariners 2

In Toronto, Dalton Pompey hit his first major league homer and the Blue Jays roughed up Felix Hernandez for a career worst-tying eight earned runs in a victory over the Mariners that further dented Seattle's fading wild-card chances.

Edwin Encarnacion added a two-run shot and R.A. Dickey (14-12) allowed two runs over seven innings to win for the fourth time in five starts.

Seattle lost its fourth straight thanks to another poor effort by a starting pitcher. Mariners starters have failed to complete five innings in any of the past four games, allowing 27 earned runs over 14 2-3 innings in that span for an ugly ERA of 16.56.

The Mariners fell three games out of the second AL wild-card spot with five games remaining. Despite the win, Toronto was eliminated from playoff contention when Kansas City beat Cleveland.

### Rays 6, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Ben Zobrist had three hits and drove in Tampa Bay's first two runs during an eighth inning rally for the Rays in a win over the Red Sox.

Alex Cobb pitched seven strong innings and Matt Joyce added a solo homer in the ninth for the Rays in the series opener between the bottom two teams in the AL East.

Cobb (10-8) allowed just one run on five hits, striking out three and walking one.

Daniel Nava had an RBI double in the fourth for the Red Sox. It stood as the game's only run until Tampa Bay got to Boston starter Clay Buchholz in the eighth.

Buchholz (8-10) had a shutout going through seven, but a leadoff walk and hit batter cost him in the eighth when the Rays rallied for five runs with two outs.

### Reds 3, Brewers 1

In Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto kept his hopes of a 20-win season in play, and Todd Frazier and Devin Mesoraco hit back-to-back homers, sending the Reds to a victory that pushed the Brewers to the verge elimination from wild card contention.

Cueto (19-9) gave up Carlos Gomez's homer over eight innings. He'll pitch Cincinnati's final game on Sunday against Pittsburgh at Great American Ball Park.

The Reds haven't had a 20-game winner since left-hander Danny Jackson in 1988. The last Reds right-hander to win 20 games was Sammy Ellis in 1965.

The Reds got the better of a matchup between teams with huge second-half fades.

Milwaukee led the NL Central for 150 days, but fell apart at the end. Up by 6 ½ games on June 28, the Brewers have gone 29-45 and fallen far behind Pittsburgh and San Francisco in the wild card race.

### Marlins 2, Phillies 0

In Miami, Henderson Alvarez pitched into the eighth inning to outduel Cole Hamels and the Marlins beat the Phillies.

Alvarez (12-6) gave up five hits and struck out two over 7 2-3 innings to lower his ERA to 2.70. Jeff Baker and Casey McGehee had RBIs for the Marlins in the 2-hour, 20-minute contest.

Hamels (9-8) allowed seven hits and two runs in seven innings. He struck out four and walked one.

Alvarez issued a two-out walk to Carlos Ruiz in the top of the eighth inning, ending his night after 97 pitches as he was replaced by left-hander Mike Dunn. After Chase Utley singled, Dunn struck out Ryan Howard with runners on first and second to end the inning.

Steve Cishek pitched the ninth for his 38th save in 42 chances.

### Rangers 2, Astros 1

In Arlington, Texas, Nick Martinez pitched 6 2-3 scoreless innings and Robinson Chirinos homered to lead the Rangers to a victory over the Astros.

The Rangers won their third straight and 10th of their last 11 games. The Astros have dropped six of eight.

Martinez (5-11) got his first win at home and his first at night. The rookie right-hander went into the game 0-6 in eight starts at Globe Life Park in Arlington and 0-10 in 14 starts at night. He allowed five hits, no walks and struck out five.

Neal Cotts allowed a run in the ninth, earning his second save in nine opportunities.

Brett Oberholtzer (5-13) gave up Chirinos' homer and an RBI single to Daniel Robertson, both in the fourth inning.

### Cubs 4, Cardinals 3

In Chicago, Welington Castillo homered and drove in the winning run with a 10th-inning single, giving the Cubs a victory over the Cardinals that tightened the NL Central race.

St. Louis' lead was reduced to 1 1/2 games over second-place Pittsburgh, which clinched a playoff berth by beating Atlanta. With four games to play, the Cardinals, who secured a postseason spot last weekend, still have a magic number of four to wrap up their second consecutive division crown.

Castillo finished 2 for 5 with three RBIs. Zac Rosscup (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for his first major league win.

Pat Neshek (7-2) took the loss.

### Twins 6, Diamondbacks 3

In Minneapolis, Kyle Gibson matched a career high with eight strikeouts, Chris Parmelee hit a two-run single after entering the game for an injured Joe Mauer, and the Twins beat the Diamondbacks.

Trevor Plouffe added four singles and Aaron Hicks two hits and an RBI for the Twins.

After getting hit in the right elbow by Andrew Chafin (0-1) in the first inning, Mauer played defense in the second before coming out with a bruised elbow. The Twins say he is day to day.

Parmelee hit in Mauer's spot and singled down the left-field line to drive in Hicks and Eduardo Escobar, giving Minnesota a 3-0 lead in the second.

That was plenty of support for Gibson (13-11), who allowed one run in seven innings and won for just the second time in his last eight starts.

### Rockies 3, Padres 2

In San Diego, Drew Stubbs hit a tiebreaking home run leading off the eighth and left fielder Brandon Barnes robbed Rene Rivera of a tying shot in the bottom of the inning to lead the Rockies to a victory against the Padres.

The Padres, who were trying to extend their winning streak to a season-high six games, were assured of their fourth straight losing season. The Padres (75-82) can still finish with their best record in three seasons. They went 76-86 in 2012 and 2013.

Stubbs homered on the first pitch from Dale Thayer (4-4) into the Jack Daniel's party deck atop the right-field wall, his 15th. It was the first run Thayer allowed in nine outings.

Rymer Liriano was shaken up after slamming into the wall trying to make the catch but remained in the game.

# Depleted Steelers sign linebacker James Harrison

**PITTSBURGH** (AP)—Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin called the decision to sign James Harrison "simple and easy."

Figuring out how—and just as important when—to use the five-time Pro Bowl linebacker, well, that part is a little trickier.

The Steelers brought the 36-year-old Harrison out of retirement on Tuesday to give an injury depleted group some needed depth and a locker room in need of some intensity an added jolt.

Harrison, who seemed to end his 12-year NFL career during an impromptu news conference Sept. 5, will provide plenty of both. How quickly he sees the field, however, remains uncertain.

"We need to see what he is capable of doing before we etch out any roles for him or others," Tomlin said Tuesday.

The Steelers (2-1) reached out to Harrison after young linebackers Jarvis Jones and Ryan Shazier went down in Sunday night's 37-19 win at Carolina. Jones underwent surgery Tuesday for a broken wrist.

The team placed their first-round pick in the 2013 draft on the injured reserve/return list, meaning he'll be eligible to come back in eight weeks. Shazier's sprained right knee likely won't keep him out as long, though Tomlin ruled out the rookie for this week's game against Tampa Bay (0-3).

Sean Spence will likely take over for Shazier. While Arthur Moats played well filling in for Jones—recording a sack in the second half as the Steelers pulled away—the injuries left the Steelers thin at a positon they considered a strength in the preseason.

AP

In this Dec. 27, 2009, file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison (92) rushes against the Baltimore Ravens during an NFL football game in Pittsburgh. Harrison is itching to get back to work. The commute could be an easy one.

Enter Harrison, whom the Steelers released in the spring of 2013 after he declined to take a pay cut. The 2008 NFL Defensive Player of the Year eventually signed with Cincinnati, where he played in a diminished role as the Bengals won the AFC North. He finished with two sacks and an interception in 15 games before getting cut in March.

He remained in training throughout the preseason but couldn't find work and signed a one-day contract with Pittsburgh on Sept. 5 so he could retire a Steeler. Harrison cited the need to be closer to his two sons as a major factor in his decision. That shouldn't be a problem now. The Harrisons live in a Pittsburgh suburb.

Harrison will join a locker room that's undergone an extensive makeover in the 18 months since his departure, particularly on defense. Only three starters - linebacker Lawrence Timmons, safety Troy Polamalu and defensive end Brett Keisel - remain from the 2012 season. A fourth, cornerback Ike Taylor, broke his right forearm Sunday night and is out indefinitely.

Tomlin allowed it may take a bit for Harrison to get his bearings.

"There is comfort in that familiarity but at the same time there are some new, integral pieces to our football team," Tomlin said. "He has an understanding of that. It will be fun to kind of watch him work his way back into the group."

Recent history hints it might not take long. Pittsburgh declined to re-sign Keisel over the spring only to call him when the defensive line struggled early in the preseason. He was back on the field nine days later, playing in the exhibition finale against the Panthers.

Harrison, like Keisel, is well past his prime. Yet the Steelers are optimistic his savvy and experience can make an impact on a defense that is still finding its way. Pittsburgh needed three games to record a turnover, though the pass rush showed signs of improvement while getting to Cam Newton three times on Sunday night.

The schedule gives the Steelers some flexibility. They face the hapless Buccaneers then travel to winless Jacksonville. Two weeks might be all that's necessary for Harrison to find his niche. It's unlikely the Steelers would put him at the top of the depth chart based simply on his resume. If he can show flashes of the burst that helped him record 64 sacks during his 10 years in Pittsburgh, he could be a weapon in pass-rushing situations.

It's what the Bengals tried to do with him in 2013, with underwhelming results. Not that Tomlin is using 2013 as a barometer on what Harrison can do now that he's back home.

"I don't care about what he did in Cincinnati or what their schematics are," Tomlin said. "I'll base my judgments based off of his capabilities based on what I see back in this setting among us."

# Silver: NBA will review domestic violence policies

**NEW YORK** (AP)—NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Monday his league will "take a fresh look" at its domestic violence procedures in the wake of the NFL's rash of incidents.

Silver said during a community service event in Staten Island that the league has been discussing with the NBA Players Association ways to further educate players and provide programs to them and their families.

"We learn from other leagues' experiences," Silver said. "We're studying everything that's been happening in the NFL. We're working with our players' association. We've been talking for several weeks and we're going to take a fresh look at everything we do."

The NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell have been criticized for punishments that were too slow or lenient for Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson and other players involved in recent domestic violence cases. Goodell said last week the NFL wants to implement new personal conduct policies by the Super Bowl.

The NBA's collective bargaining agreement calls for a minimum 10-game suspension for a first offense of a player convicted of a violent felony.

"We have in place the appropriate mechanisms for discipline, although we'll take a fresh look at those as well," Silver said. "But most importantly, it's education, and it's not just the players, but it's the players' families. That's what we're learning, too.

"We have to take these programs directly to the players' spouses, directly to their partners so that they're aware of places they can go to express concerns, whether they're anonymous hotlines, team executives, league executives. And we're consulting experts. There's a lot to be learned here. It's a societal problem; it's not one that's unique to sports."

Silver spoke at the opening of a refurbished Staten Island playground and basketball court in an area damaged by Hurricane Sandy. He was joined by Mayor Bill de Blasio and Knicks and Nets officials in announcing community efforts throughout New York, which will host the 2015 All-Star weekend. Silver said the goal of the programs is to directly reach 500,000 children.

New union executive director Michele Roberts also took part in what was her first official day in her new position. However, Silver said discussions with her started before Monday.

"We do have in place, unlike the NFL, a penalty scale, and to the extent it needs any tweaking, then we'll talk about tweaking it," Roberts said. "What I hope we're going to do as well is figure out ways to prevent any occurrence like that on our side. It's one thing to know how to react in the event it happens; it's a lot smarter to try to make sure it doesn't happen in the first instance."

Silver noted that the NBA has had its own difficulties with issues off the court, saying the aftermath of former Clippers owner Donald Sterling's racist remarks means "everyone understands the high standard that we are living under now in the NBA." The NFL's issues just accelerated the need to look for improvements.

"It's been going on, but the whole world is focused right now on what's happening around the NFL," Silver said, "so it'd be foolish for us not to try to learn from everything that's happening with that league as well."

# *Paul Oliver's family sues NFL over his suicide*

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The wife and sons of former San Diego Chargers defensive back Paul Oliver sued the NFL for wrongful death, blaming sports-related concussions for his suicide last year.

The suit was filed Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court against the league, the Chargers, the New Orleans Saints and the corporations that own several helmet manufacturers. It also alleges fraud and negligence.

It says that Oliver, 29, shot himself to death in front of his wife, Chelsea, and two sons last September at his home in Marietta, Georgia, about 20 miles northwest of Atlanta.

The suit alleges that his death was a "direct result of the injuries, depression and emotional suffering caused by repetitive head trauma and concussions suffered as a result of playing football, not properly appreciating football's risks with respect to head trauma" and using defective helmets.

The suit claims that Oliver suffered "mood, memory and anger issues" associated with repetitive head trauma and that after his death, a pathologist confirmed that he had chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

That is a progressive degenerative brain disease found in athletes and others with a history of repetitive brain trauma, according to the CTE Center at Boston University's medical school.

The suit contends that the NFL and others knew for decades about risks associated with such injuries but concealed the information, leaving Oliver ignorant about the risks of play when making football decisions "from his first snap of youth football to his tragic death."

It also claims the NFL encourages players to disregard the results of violent head impacts and glorifies the "brutality and ferocity" of football as a marketing strategy.

The Saints declined to comment. Messages left for representatives of the NFL and Chargers weren't immediately returned after hours Tuesday night.

The NFL has proposed a $765 million settlement of a different concussion-injury lawsuit that could affect thousands of athletes.

Earlier this month, in a report prepared for the federal judge handling that class action case in Philadelphia, the NFL released actuarial data estimating that nearly three in 10 former players will develop debilitating brain conditions, and that they will be stricken earlier and at least twice as often as the general population.

# US team looking more toward future than past

AP

Europe's Rory McIlroy signs autographs for fans as he walks to the 16th tee during a practice round ahead of the Ryder Cup golf tournament at Gleneagles, Scotland, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014.

**GLENEAGLES, Scotland** (AP)—Tom Watson has been preaching about redemption for the Americans at the Ryder Cup—at least to the press.

The players don't seem to need additional motivation.

Only seven players from that 2012 team that blew a big lead at Medinah are at Gleneagles this week. Yes, the loss still stings. The Americans had a 10-6 lead going into the Sunday singles and won only three matches. But it's not like losing the Ryder Cup is anything new for the Americans, who have taken the cup home just twice since 1993.

"The whole redemption thing ... I'm not suggesting that there's not some validity to it," Zach Johnson said Tuesday. "I don't know where it started or who came up with it. I don't think it was anybody on our team and I don't think that's necessarily our approach. That was two years ago. My motivation isn't because we lost two years ago. My motivation is because I'm playing in the Ryder Cup, and it doesn't matter what happened two years ago.

"I'm still upset that we lost two years ago," he said. `But I'm not here to redeem myself."

The message primarily has come from Watson, who mentioned it when he filled out his American team in New York three weeks ago, repeated it last week in a conference call, and brought up again in his opening press conference at Gleneagles.

"I made it very clear to them that this trip is a redemption trip," Watson said. "Those players that played on that team, if any players are on this team, it's time to make amends and try to redeem yourselves from what happened in 2012."

The U.S. team gathered in Atlanta on Sunday evening for a charter to Scotland. They had a light practice to start getting over the jet lag on Monday afternoon, got together in their team room that night, had the photo session Tuesday morning and then their first full day of practice.

How much has the meltdown at Medinah been part of the conversation? According to Jim Furyk, not much.

"I would say that it's been mentioned, but I wouldn't say there's been really any discussion about it," Furyk said. "Has there been much discussion? I would say no. Has it been mentioned? Yes. But I don't think I've heard more than about 20 to 30 seconds on it."

Watson said he had a pit in his stomach watching the Americans throw away a chance to win the Ryder Cup at Medinah. The PGA of America called him a few months later and asked him to be the next skipper, and he jumped at the chance.

The 65-year-old is a beloved figure in Scotland, where he won four of his five British Open titles. He also was the last captain of a U.S. team that won the Ryder Cup on European soil. That was in 1993, and Watson has not been to another Ryder Cup since then.

"I've been there every time watching intently on TV," he said.

It hasn't been pretty. The losses have piled up in Spain and England, in Ireland and Wales. Even at home, the Americans couldn't get it done at Oak Hill or Oakland Hills, with the real blow at Medinah.

Redemption? Some players are more interested in looking ahead.

# Rotary launches youth sports grant

Sports clubs, groups, or organizations offering programs or services for youth 17 years old and below have the opportunity to apply for the Saipan Rotary Club's annual sports grant starting this month.

After more than 25 years supporting the Rotary Youth Basketball League, the Saipan Rotary Club has decided to diversify its support to other sporting events and activities involving younger athletes.

"We have seen the tremendous benefits sports provide to our youth and we would like to encourage and promote all sport activities in the Commonwealth," said RCS Community Services director Brian Clayton.

"Some of the skills and values you learn from sports are what we also encourage in Rotary, such as goodwill, fellowship, and leadership, so it was only natural we continue what we have been doing and expand on it," he said.

Interested sports groups organizations would fill out an RCS Donation Request Form application and not only indicate the group's history, mission and goals, but also how the donation is going to be used.

The sports grant could award up to $3,000, depending on each application.

"We are also taking it a step further and will be working with each of the qualified sport groups on how they could give back to the community," said Clayton.

"It is not just about receiving the donation, but the groups will also work with Rotary in its community projects or participating in any activity that benefits the community. We also want to inspire our youth to live by our Rotary motto, which is 'Service Above Self,'" he said.

Interested groups may email saipanrotary@gmail.com for an application or send a message on the Rotary Club of Saipan Facebook Page. ***(Saipan Rotary Club)***

## LEINA

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Holding a slim two-stroke lead entering play on Tuesday, Kim tallied five birdies and no bogeys to pull away for the 10-shot victory.

Kim shattered her own scoring record of 142, which she set in last year's RMAC #1 Tournament at the Desert Hawk Golf Course in Pueblo West, Colo.

It was also her third straight win after topping last week's Colorado Christian Invitational where she recorded a 4-under par 140 at the Raccoon Creek Golf Course in Littleon, Colo. She started the season with a win in the Samuel Proa Insurance Lady Wolf Pack Invitational.

Cal Baptist (587) ruled the team event, while Point Loma (600) and Colorado Mesa (601) settled for second and third, respectively. Western Washington came in fourth with 602, while first-round leader St. Mary's ended up tied with Sonoma State with their identical 603s.

The CSU-Pueblo junior had a tournament-best 12 birdies with one bogey in the Mustang Women's but her impressive game failed to rub off on her teammates as the Thunder-Wolves finished eighth overall with a two-day total of 613 (302, 311).

Julie Sanchez, Samantha Geisick, Natasha Navarro, and Megan McCutcheon failed to get their respective games going.

Sanchez finished tied at 18th with a 6-over 150, Geisick and Navarro had a two-day haul of 21-over 165 to share 68th place, while McCutcheon carded 34-over 178 to finish solo 81st out of 84 female golfers.

CSU-Pueblo will be among the visiting teams in Grand Junction, Colo. to compete in the RMAX #2 Tournament set at the Bookcliff Country Club from Sept. 29 to 30.

## SONIC

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match in the U18 division.

In the U21 age group, the Sonics bounced back from a 50-56 debut loss with the 2-point win over KFC.

The Sonics controlled the game right at the get-go and with the game in the bag as early as the first half, coach Jesse Tudela relied heavily on his second and third stringers to finish off the hapless KFC.

The Sonics erected a 40-17 halftime lead and were never threatened from thereon despite being outgunned in the last two period, 15-20, 14-16.

John Paul Villanueva paced the Sonics with his 17 points, while Erick Dela Rosa chipped in 10, and Jack Aranda and Sean Rabasto contributed 8 apiece.

Art Borromeo had 13 points to lead KFC, which failed to make a follow-up on its 54-43 debut win against Laly 4. Jonathan Gunnacao also scored in twin digits for KFC with his 12 markers.

### MONDAY

**Sonics 71** – J. Villanueva 17, Dela Rosa 10, Aranda 8, Rabasto 8, Feria 6, Javier 4, Flores 4, De Guzman 3, Je. Villanueva 2.

**KFC 51** – Borromeo 13, Gunnacao 12, Alipio 6, Montes 5, Deocares 4, Camacho 4, Ogasawara 2, Cruz 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-4, 40-17, 55-37, 71-51.

### TUESDAY

**DYS 73** – Ong 12, Salalila 10, Manalili 10, J. Santos 9, Muna 7, Flores 6, Edralin 6, Montes 4, A. Santos 2, Sagun 2, Ellama 1.

**Rollers B 41** – Cobacha 10, Factor 8, Ogumoro 7, Han 6, Pangilinan 4, Yu 2, Arceo 2, Fejeran 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-11, 27-28, 54-34, 73-41.

## MP

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Yoshi Mafnas scored in the second half to give Tan Holdings its second victory in as many games. Tan Holdings prevailed in its season debut on Sept. 13, routing Matansa, 10-0.

### BOYS U15

### MP United 6, Shirley's FC 0

### MP United 3, Paire FC 1

MP United was also triumphant in the boys U15 division, sweeping all its two games over the weekend at the Oleai pitch.

MP United first face Shirley's DC and cruised to a 6-0 victory in the morning match. SunJoon Tenorio starred in MP United's whipping of Shirley's FC after canning back-to-back goals in the first half (17th and 22nd minute). The four other goals came from Alex Park, Edwin Kim, Steven Goodwin, and Michael Lee.

Lee returned to the Oleai pitch to play their rescheduled match against Paire FC and this time it was his turn to nail a pair of goals and lift MP United to a 3-1 win. The Paire-MP United tiff was originally set for Sept. 12, but was moved to last week due to the unavailability of the Oleai pitch.

Tenorio drilled the other goal late in the second half of the make-up game, while Lee's two straight goals were recorded in the first half (9th and 17th minute). Anthony Fruit gave Paire its lone goal, scoring in the 20th minute.

### Shirley's FC 5, Kanoa FC 2

Shirley's also played back-to-back games last weekend and managed to win one after downing Kanoa FC, 5-2.

Toby Jones and Ichiro Borja earned two goals apiece for Shirley's FC, while Joseph Rasa contributed one. Jones broke the ice with his goal in the 16th minute to put Shirley's on top, but Kanoa quickly equalized off J.D. Jose's goal seven minutes later. Kanoa then grabbed the upper hand, 2-1, thanks to Sebastian Manabat's shot in the 27th minute.

Kanoa's hold on the lead lasted for only 11 minutes, as Shirley's countered with two goals to regain the driver's seat, 3-2. Borja scored in the 39th minute, while Jones got his second goal six minutes later. Borja then duplicated Jones' fete with his second goal in the 60th minute and Rasa lit up the board anew for Shirley's in the 76th minute, while Kanoa failed to retaliate.

### Kanoa FC 11, Matansa FC 0

A few hours after losing to Shirley's FC, Kanoa bounced back with an 11-0 demolition of Matansa FC.

Six different players scored in Kanoa's trashing of Matansa. Manabat tallied two, while Kirt Andon, Ian Benjamin, Andrew Omelao, and Angelo Ada added one apiece. The four other goals came from the Kanoa player who wore jersey No. 33 (the match report provided failed to identify the name of the player with jersey No. 33).

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Baltimore | 94 | 63 | .599 | — |
| New York | 81 | 76 | .516 | 13 |
| Toronto | 80 | 77 | .510 | 14 |
| Tampa Bay | 76 | 81 | .484 | 18 |
| Boston | 68 | 89 | .433 | 26 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 87 | 70 | .554 | — |
| Kansas City | 86 | 71 | .548 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 82 | 76 | .519 | 5½ |
| Chicago | 72 | 85 | .459 | 15 |
| Minnesota | 67 | 90 | .427 | 20 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Los Angeles | 97 | 61 | .614 | — |
| Oakland | 86 | 71 | .548 | 10½ |
| Seattle | 83 | 74 | .529 | 13½ |
| Houston | 69 | 89 | .437 | 28 |
| Texas | 64 | 93 | .408 | 32½ |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Washington | 92 | 64 | .590 | — |
| Atlanta | 76 | 81 | .484 | 16½ |
| New York | 76 | 81 | .484 | 16½ |
| Miami | 75 | 81 | .481 | 17 |
| Philadelphia | 71 | 86 | .452 | 21½ |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| z-St. Louis | 88 | 70 | .557 | — |
| z-Pittsburgh | 86 | 71 | .548 | 1½ |
| Milwaukee | 80 | 77 | .510 | 7½ |
| Cincinnati | 73 | 84 | .465 | 14½ |
| Chicago | 70 | 88 | .443 | 18 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| z-Los Angeles | 90 | 68 | .570 | — |
| San Francisco | 85 | 72 | .541 | 4½ |
| San Diego | 75 | 82 | .478 | 14½ |
| Colorado | 66 | 92 | .418 | 24 |
| Arizona | 63 | 95 | .399 | 27 |

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 9 teams to vie for JP World caging title

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Nine teams will fight for the championship in the inaugural JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League that will kick off this Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The Preston Basa-backed Public School System leads the nine-team league and will be joined by Commonwealth Utilities Corp., McDonald's, Docomo Pacific, Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor, Saipan Ice & Water, Top Development, Inc. Shirley's Coffee Shop, and Joeten.

Basa's PSS, MBI/Anchor, and Shirley's Coffee Shop are the early favorites in the league as they will be bannered by players who are familiar faces in the various local leagues. Joining Basa on PSS is fellow CNMI Men's National Team member Ezra Caro and former Commonwealth stalwart Mel Manibusan and Joe Villacrusis. Completing the squad are Bobby Coldeen, Maveric Itibus, Jerry Diaz, Jude Loste, Jacob Villagomez, Ed Guinto, and John Jimeno.

Shirley's, which recently placed runner-up to Pacific Islands Club in the Inter-Hotel caging, will be pinning its hopes on mobile center Erick Dela Rosa and 3-pointer shooters Rommel Usi, Sean Rabasto, and John Jugos. They will be joined by Fradel Sedillo, Angel Catungal, Vince Manibusan, Ariel Drillon, Jess Nicdao, and Josephus Aguilar.

MBI/Anchor has scoring machine Ivan Devero, who will be backed up by another explosive guard Angelo Fernando and veteran Pete Lizama. Also playing for MBI/Anchor are big man Andy Viola and Art Trajano, Aries Cordero, Jun Pineda, Jeff Garcia, White Capalad, Dennis Yoshimoto, and J.C. Cino.

Joeten is headed by young playmaker Kevin De Leon and veteran guard Ferdie Tobias. At the frontline, the team has Alex Lauron and Syl Teregeyo, while other members of the 12-man squad includes Dixon Kwon, Jason and James Sablan, Juanito Sambile, Teo Alfonso, Dean Borja, Mario Jacob, and Joey Tudela.

Twelve players are also listed on CUC's roster. The list includes James Benavente, Henry del Rosario, Vince Iglecias, Simada Iramk, Robert Lieto, Alain Nunez, George Poquiz, Oscar and Johnson Sablan, Donald Seidler, Jun Camacho, and Andrew Masga.

Docomo only logged 10 players with Tony Diaz leading the list. He will be teaming up with Robert Sanciangco, Conrad Sablan, Jaynard White, Jayson Hayes, Alverick Alvarez, Rick Sanches, Roderick Santos, Alfredo Napo, and Kevin McCale.

McDonald's has a complete 12-man lineup, which will be bannered by the Achas siblings and cousins, Larry, Charlie, Joseph, Mike, and McLain. Completing the squad are Joe Ayuyu Jr., Tim Deleon Guerrero, Gil Gapor, Manny Corpuz, Mark Rigua, and Richard Cruz.

Top Development. Inc. listed 11 players and will be anchored by former DLX caging Finals MVP Raymond Velasco. Allen Reyes, Nestor Arreza, Jomel Pollisco, Jose Mafnas, Rolly Pangilinan, Peter Lumayag, Sefich Lorenzo, Frank Taitano, Renato Barros, and Cerbert Eamilao complete the roster.

Games in the JP World caging will be played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with two matches scheduled per playing day.

Meanwhile, the opening ceremony is slated at 4pm, while two games will be played in the opening day. The two matches will be determined via draws.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Shirley's Coffee Shop's Fradel Sedillo pulls up for a jumper during their game against *Saipan Tribune*/RMS in the Tan Holdings caging last month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. Sedillo and company will return to action this weekend when Shirley's Coffee Shop competes in the JP World caging.

# Darties keep Ladies league lead

The Sand Juvy Vicious Darties took a bye in last week's 2014 Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association Ladies League but managed to remain on top of the division.

The Vicious Darties, enjoying a 48-27 record, is holding on to a five-win advantage over the third-running Jhonny's crew's 43-32 mark after the Kitty Kats failed to catch up with them following an 8-7 loss to the Smoke Pub Ladies Bull-It!

The Kitty Kats looked headed to victory as Samy Atalig, Davilyn Santos, and Julie Ann Toves downed Selma Salas, Net Satur, and Jessamin Santos in their singles games, respectively to give the Jhonny's-backed crew a 6-5 lead entering the last three matches.

But Salas, Satur, Santos, Natalie Reyes, and Norisa Camacho delivered in the final stretch to escape with the win that hiked their team's record to 44-36 at second place behind the Darties.

The Naked Fish Dartin' Divas are currently in fourth place with a 42-33 mark after completing a 13-2 thrashing of the Jokers G-Side Shooters.

Claire Aldan, Rita Fitial, Yvonne Pangelinan, Queanna Sablan, Luz Antonio, and Janice Camacho each won their respective match ups against the G-Side Shooters.

Only the duo of Pangelinan and Antonio in one of the two partners random cricket games, and Camacho in the singles regular cricket event were the losses of the Dartin' Divas.

The Route 33 Avengers edged the Smoke Pub Mixed Nuts, 9-6, in the other Ladies League match.

The Mixed Nutz and the G-Side Shooters are tied at sixth to seventh spots with similar 36-54 slates, while the Avengers are at the cellar with 33-42 to round up the standings. ***(Jon Perez)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Jokers G-Side Shooters can still catch up with the leaders in the Ladies League of the 2014 Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association but they need to come up with wins in their remaining matches.

# Team Angel wins last softball fundraiser

Team Angel went undefeated to clinch the crown in the final edition of the Sta. Remedios slow-pitch softball fundraising tournament held over the weekend at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Team Angel went undefeated against five other teams, including Team Akarri, in the elimination round to clinch the top seeding in the winners bracket.

They won three more matches in the playoff round after that and was declared the champions by the organizers after the rains won't stop last Sunday.

Team Mamaaw and Team 45 No More Rice came in third second and third, respectively.

The Rey Saralu-led Team Akarri, which topped the first edition of the tournament after a 15-9 thumping of Natibu two weeks ago, failed in their title bid as they got eliminated in the playoffs.

The tournament is a fundraising event for next month's Sta. Remedios Fiesta in Tanapag.

A total of 15 teams joined the two editions of the fundraising event.

During the first tournament, held from Sept. 5 to 7, Saralu was consistent with his hitting to power Akarri to the title. His sacrifice fly RBI in the top of the fifth highlighted his team's comeback from a four-run deficit.

Organizers of the softball fundraiser said they collected enough money that will cover the expenses of holding the feat day of the Our Lady of Remedies on Oct. 12.

They added that everyone is welcome to join them in the festivities over at Tanapag. ***(Jon Perez)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Team Vinnie was among the 15 teams that joined in this year's Sta. Remedios slow-pitch softball tournament fundraiser held at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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# Leina resets RMAC record anew

CSU-PUEBLO
Leina Kim continues to reap honors for the Colorado State University-Pueblo ThunderWolves after topping yesterday's Mustang Women's Fall Intercollegiate at the Coldwater Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz.

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Resetting the scoring record in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) golf tournament is turning into a habit for Leina Kim.

It was only a week ago that Kim made headlines in the 2014 RMAC season after shattering her own scoring record. And the 22-year-old did it again.

Kim, according to the Colorado State University-Pueblo ThunderWolves website, fired a closing 5-under 67 to rule the Western New Mexico University-sponsored Mustang Women's Fall Intercollegiate on Tuesday at the Coldwater Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Saipan native tallied a 36-hole score of 11-under 133 for a 10-stroke win over Allison Howarth of St. Mary's University-Texas and California Baptist University's Marvi Monsalve, who ended up tied for second to third.

Howarth, who was only two shots back at 4-under 68 in the first round, registered a 3-over 75 in the second round, while Monslave logged in 2-under 68 to both end up at 1-under 143.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Lauren Kruszewski, who opened with a 3-under 69, ended with a 3-over 75 for a two-day total of even-par 144 at solo fourth place.

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## Sonics, DYS blow out opponents

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The Sonics and Division of Youth Services walked away with easy wins in the 2014 BANMI Youth League.

The Sonics crushed KFC, 71-51, in the U21 division game last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while DYS pounded the Rollers B, 73-41, in the U18 pairing last Tuesday,

A 28-6 scoring surge in the third period allowed DYS to notch a lopsided victory over the Rollers B. Before the third-quarter breakaway, DYS was behind by a point at halftime, 27-28. Djay Ong led the uprising, drilling all his 12 points in the crucial third frame, including 9 straight markers to lift DYS to a 54-43 advantage.

The Rollers B collapsed in the third, as they were held to two field goals and two free throws with only Jona Han and Manny Cobacha scoring for the team. The Rollers B then failed to recover from the meltdown, as they were limited to another single-digit scoring effort in the final canto. They made only three field goals in the fourth with Aaron Ogumoro knocking in a triple and a layup and Han hitting the Rollers B's other basket.

While the Rollers B had limited options on offense in the fourth, DYS got help from several players. Six DYS players lit up the board and four of them converted at least two field goals apiece to complete the big victory, its second it as many games. DYS debuted with a similar 68-44 rout of the Ol'Aces last Sept. 16, while the Rollers B dropped their first

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The Sonics' John Paul Villanueva looks for his teammates as two KFC defenders chase him down the baseline during the third quarter of their game in the U21 division of the BANMI youth caging last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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## MP United wins opener vs Matansa FC

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MP United Football Club began its title defense bid in the boys U18 division of the 2014 NMIFA Fall League with a 4-2 victory over Matansa Football Club last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Jehn Joyner led MP United's first win of the season, making two goals, while Tanapon Unsa and Jireh Yobech chipped in one apiece. Ryu Tanzawa and Evan Belcher scored for Matansa FC.

Unsa started things out for the defending champion, lighting up the board in the seventh minute, while Joyner and Yobech found their targets in the 34th and 38th minute to lift MP United to a 3-0 halftime lead. MP United made it a 4-0 advantage with Joyner getting his second goal in the 57th minute, while Tanzawa broke Matansa's silence with his goal five minutes later and Belcher added one more five minutes before their morning match wrapped up.

In other U18 results, Tan Holdings FC nipped Paire, 1-0, in a morning match at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, while Paire's late evening match versus MP United at the Oleai pitch was rescheduled.

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MP United FC's Jireh Yobech steps in to receive a pass from his teammate during the second half of their game against Matansa FC in the U18 division of the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.